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DOMESTIC COOKING GAS PRICE RAISED BY ₹25 PER CYLINDER

This is the second straight month of a price increase for LPG. Rates were increased by ₹25.50 per cylinder on July 1 as well

LPG RATES MORE THAN DOUBLE IN SEVEN YEARS

After the latest hike, which came into effect on August 17, a 14.2-kilogram domestic cylinder would now cost ₹859.50 each in Delhi and Mumbai, ₹875.50 in Chennai, and ₹886.50 in Calcutta. LPG prices vary from state to state owing to local taxes. Cooking gas prices have more than doubled in the past seven years - the retail selling price was ₹410.50 on March 1, 2014

DIESEL PRICES CUT BY 20 PAISE PER LITRE

- Each household is eligible for 12 cylinders per year under the government subsidy scheme. The Centre gives marginal freight subsidy for customers in remote locations
- Meanwhile, diesel prices were cut by 19-21 paise across the country, while petrol prices remained unchanged | P13

₹165

CUMULATIVE PRICE INCREASE IN COOKING GAS SINCE JANUARY 1

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Taliban crush rare dissent, explore govt formation

Three protesters shot dead in Jalalabad; Karzai meets militia leaders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A day after the Taliban sought to moderate their messaging, they crushed voices of dissent building up in Afghanistan by shooting at protesters at Jalalabad on Wednesday, killing three persons and injuring many others.

Dozens of people who had gathered at the site, including video journalists covering the protest, were badly injured as they were attacked with batons. According to reports, the residents of Jalalabad, around 150 km from Kabul on the main road to Pakistan, were trying to raise the national flag on the eve of Afghanistan's Independence Day, which commemorates the end of British rule in 1919.

The Taliban militants were enraged as the crowd tried to lower the Taliban flag and raise the Afghan tricolour. Video footage later showed them violently attacking the crowd.

The process of government formation gathered pace on Wednesday after Taliban cofounder Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar returned to the country after 20 years. Tipped to be the next president, Baradar had led the nine-member Taliban delegation hosted by China in July. On Wednesday, ex-Afghan president Hamid Karzai held talks with Anas Haqqani of the Haqqani Network, a powerful Taliban faction. Karzai was accompanied by Abdullah Abdullah, the head of the Afghan National Reconciliation Council. The meetings were reportedly to explore the possibility of forming an inclusive government with non-Taliban members.

On Wednesday, the situation in Kabul remained grim with many Afghans and foreign nationals unable to reach the airport with access roads blocked. Britain's ambassador to Kabul Laurie Bristow warned that the window for evacuation is closing fast and his team has got "days, not weeks" to pull out British nationals and Afghans who worked with UK forces.

Many Indians are also still stuck in the war-torn country. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said the developments and the priority is on ensuring the security and safe return of Indian nationals.

There were also reports of Salima Mazari, one of Afghanistan's only three women governors, being taken into custody by the Taliban.

Meanwhile, the United Arab Emirates on Wednesday disclosed that it has granted refuge to former president Ashraf Ghani and his family. P9,12

Access to central bank reserves blocked

The Taliban will not have access to most of the nation's cash and gold stocks, central bank chief Ajmal Ahmady said. The Da Afghanistan Bank has $9 billion in reserves, but most of it is held in banks overseas, out of reach of the Taliban, Ahmady said

Samajwadi MP booked for sedition

Samajwadi Party MP Shafiqur Rehman Barq has been booked for sedition following his recent remarks allegedly defending the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan and equating it with India's freedom struggle P7

Taliban stop export, import with India

The Taliban have stopped movement of cargo through the transit route of Pakistan, Ajay Sahai, director-general, Federation of Indian Export Organisation, said. "Imports from Afghanistan come via the transit route of Pakistan," news agency ANI quoted him as saying

Former Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, Haqqani group leader Anas Haqqani, National Reconciliation Council head Abdullah Abdullah and others meet in Kabul on Wednesday to explore government formation | AP

WILL ENSURE SAFETY OF AFGHANS IN KARNATAKA: HOME MINISTER

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

HOME Minister Araga Jnanendra on Wednesday assured citizens of Afghanistan staying in Karnataka that the State Government will ensure their safety and take up the issue of their visa extension with the Centre as the visas of many of them will expire in the coming days.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of an event on Wednesday, Jnanendra said there are 339 Afghan nationals in Karnataka, of which 192 are students. "It has come to my notice that they are all worried about their future after the Taliban took over their country. On humanitarian grounds, the state will extend all possible support and protection to them," he said.

Some of the Afghan nationals had expressed concerns over their visas expiring soon. "As the Union Government decides on extension of visas, I will take up the matter with the Chief Minister and the Centre," he said.

Meanwhile, the State Government has appointed a senior IPS officer of the rank of Additional Director General of Police to coordinate with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for the evacuation of Karnataka residents stranded in Afghanistan. P4

GLASS CEILING OFF

Women finally get a shot at NDA's exam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday opened yet another door for gender equality by allowing women to take the National Defence Academy (NDA) entrance test scheduled to be held on September 5. The interim order would be subject to confirmation later, a bench of justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Hrishikesh Roy said. It directed the Union Public Service Commission to issue an appropriate notification complying with the order and give it due publicity.

Petitioner Kush Kalra has sought a direction to the authorities to allow female candidates to appear in the NDA and Naval Academy exam. The Centre's counter-affidavit sought to block the demand, saying it was a policy decision that should not be interfered with. But the bench called it out, saying the argument was absurd. "Will the Army act on after the judicial orders are passed? We will then pass an order, if that is what you want. I have this impression right from the HC that till an order is passed, the Army does not believe in doing anything voluntarily," the bench observed.

Delhi court clears Tharoor in Sunanda death case

ENS @ New Delhi

MORE than seven years after businesswoman Sunanda Pushkar was found dead in a luxury hotel here, a Delhi court on Wednesday cleared her husband and Congress leader Shashi Tharoor of all charges. Tharoor, who was present when Special Judge Geetanjali Goel pronounced the order in a virtual hearing, thanked the judge and said it had been 'absolute torture for last seven-and-a-half years'.

Pushkar, a prominent face in Delhi circles, was found dead in a suite of a luxury hotel on the night of January 17, 2014. The couple had been staying in the hotel as Tharoor's official bungalow was being renovated.

Tharoor, who was charged under IPC sections related to cruelty and abetment to suicide but was not arrested, later in the day tweeted that his faith in the judiciary stands vindicated.

EXPRESS READ

Will strive to make state a leader in industry: CM

BENGALURU: Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday said the government will strive to put Karnataka on top of the country's industrial map. "In the coming days, we will work to put Karnataka in the number one spot on the industrial map," he said. P4

Potential first woman CJI in elevation to SC

COLLEGIUM'S PICKS

A S Oka
Karnataka HC CJ

Vikram Nath
Gujarat HC CJ

J K Maheshwari
Sikkim HC CJ

Hima Kohli
Telangana HC CJ

B V Nagarathna
Karnataka HC judge

M M Sundresh
Madras HC judge

C T Ravikumar
Kerala HC judge

Bela M Trivedi
Gujarat HC judge

P S Narasimha
Senior Advocate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FOR the first time ever, three women judges were together recommended for elevation to the Supreme Court, one of whom could go on to become the first woman Chief Justice of India (CJI). They were part of the nine names cleared by the five-member Supreme Court collegium, whose decision was uploaded on Wednesday. The recommendations are subject to approval by the Centre.

Justice B V Nagarathna, the senior-most judge of the Karnataka High Court, has the chance of becoming the first woman CJI in in September 2027. The other two women judges picked for elevation are Justice Hima Kohli, Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court and Justice Bela Trivedi, the fifth in seniority in the Gujarat High Court.

Two other chief justices — Justice C T Ravikumar of the Kerala High Court and Justice M M Sundresh of the Madras High Court — were recommended for promotion by the collegium, which met on Tuesday. Besides, senior advocate P S Narasimha has been selected for appointment directly to the bench. If his name is cleared, Narasimha would become only the sixth lawyer in India to be elevated to the SC bench directly from the Bar. The last such elevation was of Justice Rohinton F Nariman, who retired last week. Narasimha is a former Additional Solicitor General.

With the retirement of Justice Navin Sinha on Wednesday, the strength of judges in the top court came down to 24 as against a sanctioned strength of 34, including the CJI. No appointment has been made to the Supreme Court after CJI Ranjan Gogoi retired on March 19, 2019.

ONLY 8 WOMEN JUDGES IN TOP COURT SO FAR

Since independence, India never had a women Chief Justice of India and over the years, the top court has appointed only eight women judges starting from M Fathima Beevi, who was made a judge in 1989. At present, only Justice Indira Banerjee is a lone woman judge in the top court. Across 26 high courts in the country, there are only 82 women judges out of 1,079 judges. The Madras High Court tops the list with 13 women judges.

Colleges have till Oct 1 to prep for NEP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA is pushing hard to be the first state to implement the National Education policy-2020 (NEP-2020) in higher education institutions. Degree colleges in the state have now been given time till October 1 to complete the admission process under the new policy, after which classes will officially begin, Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan announced on Wednesday.

The dates for college admission will be announced on August 23 when Karnataka will officially launch the implementation of NEP-2020 and release the guidelines, becoming the first state to do so. The NEP-2020 guidelines will be announced by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, and CM Basavaraj Bommai will be part of the programme.

Dr Ashwath Narayan's statement comes in response to statements from colleges that admissions had already begun, and some of them had even commenced classes in the online mode, but were now considering halting them as they were not in accordance with the NEP. Many private colleges, however, have continued with online classes, while some have suspended them, awaiting guidelines. P7

JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT
Aug 17 49,48,965 doses
Aug 18 48,81,588 doses
Total doses: 56,57,32,128

NATION	AUG 17	AUG 18
Fresh cases	25,166	35,178
Recoveries	36,830	37,169
Deaths	437	440

K'TAKA	AUG 17	AUG 18
Fresh cases	1,298	1,365
Recoveries	1,833	1,558
Deaths	32	22

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Thursday :** 19/08/2021 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana • **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Sravana • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Dwadashi 9.50 pm • **Nakshatra:** Purvashada 10.44 pm • Moon in Makara Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Gulikakala:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER — MIN 20°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST Light showers. Overcast

Sunrise	6.07 am
Sunset	6.38 pm
Moonrise	4.09 pm
Moonset	2.43 am

PALIKE STEPS UP COVID FIGHT

Civic body revises rules for apartment complexes, issues guidelines for market places, Gowri-Ganesha fest, Muharram

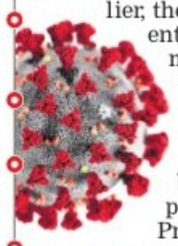
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IN the wake of spike in Covid cases in apartment complexes and increasing number of containment zones, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has revised its guidelines for resident welfare associations, apartment complexes and housing societies. The civic body is also enforcing certain measures to prevent crowding in markets and has issued rules for the upcoming Gowri-Ganesha festival and Muharram.

As per the revised guidelines for apartments, those returning from Kerala or Maharashtra must carry a negative RT-PCR test report, not older than 72 hours, irrespective of vaccination. If not, they will have to undergo a test here and remain in quarantine till the result is declared.

The order also mandates that all interstate and international travellers with any symptoms have to undergo tests and remain in isolation till the results are declared. Earlier, the test was mandatory for interstate travel.

There is some relaxation for vendor services, couriers and delivery services as they can now have access till the lift lobby of the ground floor. Earlier, they were prohibited from entering the gates of apartment complexes. Residents must ensure that there is no crowding. In containment zones, drop-off or pick-up will be restricted to entry points.



Providors of essential and emergency services like gas, medical, plumbing, water supply and civil works will be allowed entry, adhering to all Covid norms.

Health officials will also put up home quarantine posters and RWAs should report anyone found with symptoms, or having a travel history and help the officials in contact tracing, testing and triaging.

In market places, the civic body is implementing stern measures with an eye on upcoming festivals. The Chief Commissioner said that 50 teams of marshals, home guards and police will patrol the city and not just penalise people violating Covid norms, but also have the power to enforce rules based on the ground situation.

"Since Covid is a fast-spreading infection, people should avoid going even to restaurants in groups. They should isolate themselves as much as possible," he said.

MARKETS
- Rs 250 fine for not wearing masks
- Marshals, health inspectors will ensure social distancing
- Shops, restaurants and malls must ensure everyone wears masks and maintains social distance
- Surprise visits to shops, restaurants, market and malls
- Commercial establishments must be shut during curfew hours

MUHARRAM
- Setting up alam/panja in public places restricted
- No prayer meetings, processions from August 12-20
- Alam/panja and Tajiya should be seen from distance
- Any type of assembly at vacant plot/ cemetery restricted
- Those aged 60+ and below 10 years should offer prayers at home
- Prayers not allowed in any other public places apart from mosques
- Masks, social distancing of 6-ft, thermal screening, sanitizers must

GOWRI-GANESHA
- Celebrate in a simple manner at home
- No installing idols in public places
- Processions/ entertainment programmes barred
- Idols should be immersed at homes, designated kalyanis, mobile tanks
- Regular sanitisation at temples
- Masks, 6-ft social distancing, thermal screening, sanitizers must

SNAPSHOTS OF OUR TIMES

As another year goes by in the grip of the pandemic, we take a look at how our photographers captured the moments that define the new normal

1. Family members of a Covid victim pause for a moment after performing the last rites in Bengaluru **2.** Garment workers at a factory near Bengaluru found a more pressing need for their skills — stitching PPE suits to meet the rising demand **3.** A student writes her exam under strict Covid protocol at Maharani College in Bengaluru **4.** It was *deja vu* for migrant workers of Mysuru in April as fears of another lockdown forced hundreds of them to board Shramik Special trains to their hometowns in Uttar Pradesh **5.** With online classes becoming the norm, students of remote villages in Sagar taluk of Shivamogga district were forced to trek to hillocks due to poor internet connectivity **6.** Residents turn Good Samaritans during the lockdown taking care of strays in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T, ASHISHKRISHNA H P, NAGARAJA GADEKAL, UDAYSHANKAR S, SHRIRAM BN

SOPs issued for reopening of PUC I, II classes

The Department of Pre-university Education on Wednesday released the standard operating procedure for resumption of classes for PUC I and II from August 23:

- Classes can resume in districts with less than **2%** positivity rate
- Classes for both to start simultaneously
- **50%** students can attend three days a week. Online classes next three days
- Institutions with lesser than 100 students and spacious classrooms can have **100%** attendance
- Attendance can be mandated depending on local situation
- DDPIs must ensure all staffers are vaccinated
- Consent letter of parents needed for physical classes
- If offline classes not possible, attending online classes must
- Group activities should be in accordance with Covid norms
- Swimming pools to remain shut
- School Development Committees will purchase sanitisers and thermal sensors
- Students found with symptoms to be sent to nearest health centre or an isolation room, parents will be informed
- Use of pipettes prohibited in lab
- Social distancing in college transports
- Daily sanitisation of classrooms and corridors
- Sick staff should not be allowed and those over **51** years of age should wear face guards
- If anyone tests positive, the premises should be sanitised

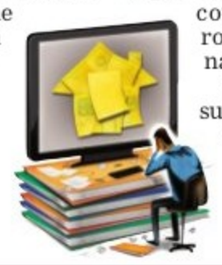
SSLC supplementary exams on Sept 27, 29; registrations start today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board has decided to conduct supplementary examinations for SSLC in a simplified manner over two days on September 27 and 29. Like the annual examination, the supplementary exams too will be held for core subjects and languages, with each paper carrying 40 marks. The exams will be held between 10:30 am and 1:30 pm.

The examination will be in the objective type format - each paper will have an OMR (Optical Mark Reader) sheet. Students will have to answer 120 questions in three hours. The OMR sheet will carry the students' photograph.

The list of candidates appearing for the supplementary exams will also have their pictures. Only certain students will be allowed to register for the examination - eligible school students and private candidates who registered for the SSLC examination earlier, but remained absent due to Covid-19 or other health reasons; school students or private candidates who are repeaters and failed the main examination in April 2019; repeaters who failed the SSLC examination prior to 2011 and could not clear it in April 2019 or thereafter.



Schools will begin registering eligible students on the department portal from August 19 to 30. Students are expected to submit their applications for the examination by September 9. This includes a cover letter, nominal roll number and original online challan.

The marks for core subjects will be converted to the 80 marks scheme while the first language will be converted marks out of 100. The remaining marks will be given from the internal assessment, thereby marking students out of 625, for CCERF and CCERR students (school students who were absent for the main examination due to Covid-19 or other health reasons, and school students who failed the SSLC main examination in April 2019).

For other students, marks for core subjects will be translated into marks out of 100 and first language out of 125.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

19th August: One more word about the current tough-minded, planetary patterns. I have one specific hope that relates to this alignment – that the world may move one step closer to peaceful resolution of the problem of nuclear weapons. I believe that pressure on our politicians – in all countries - can make them see sense!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It's part of your character to be an individual, to strive to raise yourself above the common herd. This is why today's stressful planetary alignment, which will be so difficult for many lesser people, will be wonderfully stimulating for you.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You've been sweeping a number of problems under the carpet - as is your right. But neither have you come to terms with the challenging situations which have been forced upon you, especially those resulting from home improvements and family complications. Such omissions must be remedied now.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
If there's any time left, then enjoy the calm before the storm. Today is one of those times when family members are liable to blow up, taking you completely by surprise. Yet any personal problems should be quickly resolved, partly because your intuitions are functioning to the full.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You're in one of those old catch-22 situations, and whatever you say or do, close associates are still going to feel ignored or slighted. You must realise that this bad feeling has more to do with their own frustrations than with any failings on your part.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You obviously need to take the initiative if you are both to maintain the momentum you have already built up and keep control of the situation. One word of warning, though: do not blame partners or colleagues for problems that are nothing to do with them.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The last thing you want to do today is push your luck. You're ambitious, it's true, but a ferocious lunar aspect makes this a poor day to take risks, and that's an understatement! Stick to tried and tested plans and chart a safe course through troubled waters.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Everything is up for grabs. The question is, how do you respond when associates seem so terribly out of sorts? Do you rush in and offer tea and sympathy? Or do you attempt to solve the underlying problems? Whatever course you choose, please be consistent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You can play your cards either way. Even in your possible absence from work, professional alterations are afoot and personnel changes mean that very soon you will be working with new colleagues. All of you must reconsider your worldly ambitions, and one may have to be dropped.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Try taking a leap forward in time to the point two weeks from now when some sort of fresh start will be required at work. Think now about how you would handle such an eventuality and try and establish your priorities. After all, it is time for a change, isn't it?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
By now you should be aware of the exact scale of a financial problem and its precise cost. Hope-fully, all that is involved is a minor overpayment or excess charge on a purely mundane commitment. At work, you'll do best by thinking about your tasks first, rather than assuming that you know everything already.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Do your best to maintain good relationships and be ready to meet opportunities as they arise, no matter how difficult and awkward partners are determined to be. Background activities are working to your advantage, as will soon become patently apparent.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The choice is not strictly between jaw-jaw and war-war, as the old saying goes. It may be best to combine the two. After all, there are battles to be fought on all fronts with resolve and determination. Your position is all the better precisely because partners can be so uncertain.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

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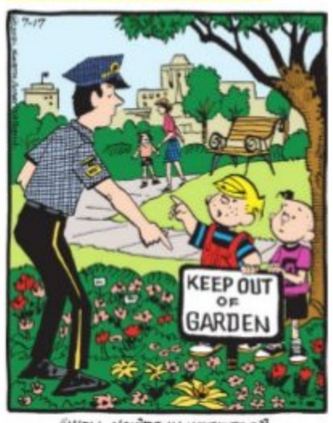
LOCKHORNS

"LEROY AND I AREN'T JUST OLD-SCHOOL... WE'RE ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"WELL, YOU'RE IN HERE TOO!"

SU DO KU

Evil: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

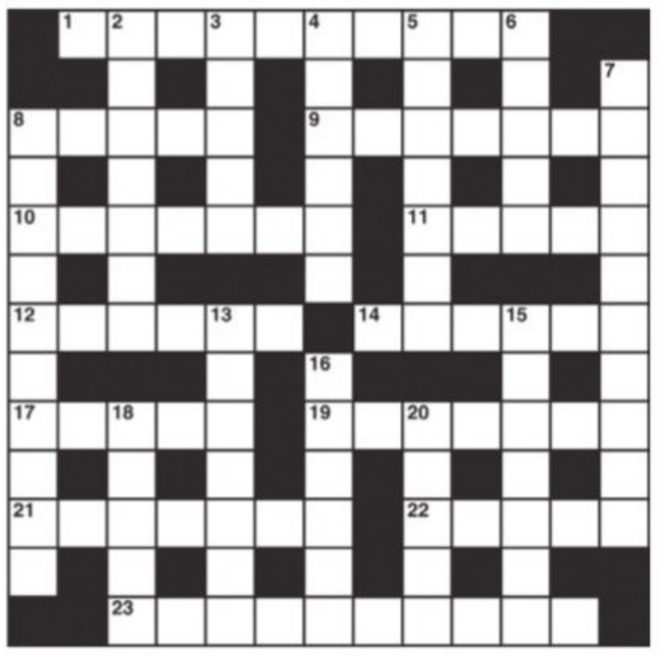
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

5								6
	8		5	4				
				3	1	9		
9				8		5		
	1	6				2	7	
		5		7				1
		8	7	1				
				6	8		9	
3								4

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

8	9	5	2	4	7	6	3	1
2	3	7	1	6	5	9	4	8
4	1	6	3	9	8	7	2	5
6	8	2	7	5	9	4	1	3
5	7	1	6	3	4	2	8	9
3	4	9	8	1	2	5	6	7
9	2	3	4	7	1	8	5	6
1	5	4	9	8	6	3	7	2
7	6	8	5	2	3	1	9	4

CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Wonderful outcome of our musical versatility (10)
8 A number enter with a measure (5)
9 Propitiate by putting a note in the plate (7)
10 They are not present pupils (7)
11 She made peace in Greece (5)
12 A case of giving (6)
14 A song from men circulating with hat (6)
17 She was booked forever (5)
19 Unmarried woman I took on for a job (7)
21 The pictures added to the author's material? (7)
22 Experts get right in front - to win them? (5)
23 Share out is tried but as an alternative (10)

DOWN
2 Certainly one won't be (2,5)
3 A female Pole is pale (5)
4 Highly bumptious? (6)
5 Make no allowance in a speech (7)
6 Disturb for a moment (5)
7 Settles but I need terms renegotiated (10)
8 Taking money out for retirement (10)
13 More than one kind of saviour (7)
15 Bob for example is avoided by Sikhs (7)
16 The object of his match is a draw (6)
18 Breathtakingly restrained (5)
20 It describes a broom or brush perhaps (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Prison, 4 Clinch, 9 Present, 10 Patio, 11 Extra, 12 Ill fame, 13 Got out of bed, 18 Pitcher, 20 Emcee, 22 Grown, 23 Enthuse, 24 Tandem, 25 Oxygen.

Down: 1 Poppet, 2 Inert, 3 Oregano, 5 Lapel, 6 Nutcase, 7 Hooked, 8 Strict order, 14 Outworn, 15 Fuel tax, 16 Spigot, 17 Herein, 19 Hinge, 21 Clung.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LGEIA

HKATN

MLIPEP

WSORYD

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** BRIBE COVET DREAMY UNLOCK
ANSWER: The brace that th doctor prescribed to ease his spinal pressure was – ON BACK ORDER

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra has said that indiscipline and dishonesty in the police force will not be tolerated. Speaking at a property parade organised at City Armed Reserve headquarters in Bengaluru on Wednesday, Jnanendra said the majority of the policemen were honest and sincere towards their duty

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

1,365 CASES REPORTED TODAY

1,298 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TOTAL CASES: TODAY 29,33,192 | YESTERDAY 29,31,827

DEATHS: TODAY 22 | YESTERDAY 32

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until August 18, 2021, a total of **29,33,192** cases have been reported in 1 year and 159 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
1,558	1,833

Active cases

TODAY	21,266
YESTERDAY	21,481

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	7.09%
YESTERDAY	7.12%

The day positivity rate - **0.76%** is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of **100 tests** conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.26%
YESTERDAY	1.26%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	98.01%
YESTERDAY	97.98%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

327 BENGALURU URBAN

11 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	2
Ballari	2
Belagavi	37
Bidar	2
Chamarajanagar	7
Chikkaballapura	4
Chikkamagaluru	47
Chitradurga	11
Dakshina Kannada	268
Davanagere	11
Dharwad	10
Gadag	1
Hassan	107
Haveri	1
Kalaburagi	11
Kodagu	86
Kolar	21
Koppal	0
Mandya	25
Mysuru	123
Raichur	5
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	45
Tumakuru	52
Udupi	97
Uttara Kannada	51
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	0

Past month saw avg of 8 black fungus cases a day

Bengaluru Urban records 1,207 cases, followed by Dharwad at 342

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IN the past 33 days, 285 new black fungus or mucormycosis cases have been reported in the state, taking the tally to 3,836 as of August 18. The highest number of Covid-19 associated mucormycosis patients is in Bengaluru Urban (1,207), Dharwad (342), Vijayapura (228), Kalaburagi (213) and Ballari (169).

The total number of deaths caused by this disease is 441, with the highest number being 149 in Bengaluru, followed by 40 in Dharwad, 28 in Ballari, 25 in Dakshina Kannada, and 24 in Kalaburagi. "The daily number of black fungus cases in the state is low, compared to the numbers we saw during the second wave peak. The decline could be proportionate to the decline in Covid cases. The primary reason was low immunity caused by various factors," said Dr Bhujang Shetty, Chairman and Managing Director of Narayana Nethralaya, who is on the state's expert committee on mucormycosis.

The causes for low immunity include serious Covid patients being put on ventilator and steroids, with diabetes making the patient immunocompromised. Those with borderline diabetes developed diabetes after contracting the virus. He added that many patients were immunocompromised post discharge, and developed black fungus.

TOP 5 DISTS WITH BLACK FUNGUS CASES

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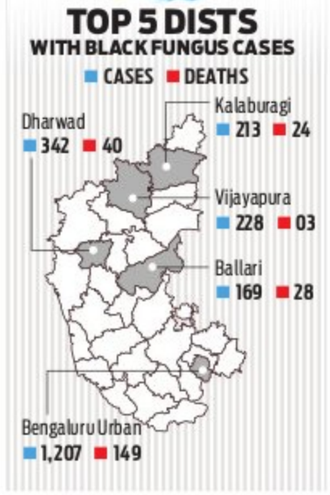

While many theories were floated for the causes of black fungus, including the quality of water used in oxygen humidifiers and use of industrial oxygen, experts could not zero in on them. Those with good immunity are not affected by black fungus, Dr Shetty added.

As per Wednesday's mucormycosis analysis report of Dharwad district, 179 patients were on steroid therapy, 279 patients had diabetes, 32 patients had immunocompromised status and 62 had comorbidities. While 204 black fungus patients had not received oxygen support prior to the onset of mucormycosis, 138 did. More men contracted the fungal infection -- 253 as compared to 89 women. The highest number of 148 black fungus cases fell in the 45-60 age group, followed by 113 cases in the 18-45 age group, and 81 cases in the 60-plus age category. No cases of minors were reported in Dharwad district.

FESTIVE SHOPPING

As the threat of Covid-19 third wave looms large, the State Government has imposed several restrictions in Bengaluru and the rest of Karnataka. However, it was business as usual in the shopping hub of Avenue Road on Wednesday ahead of Varamahalakshmi festival which falls on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

Kids with low immunity identified in Bengaluru Rural

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HEALTH and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Wednesday conducted a review meeting to check the Covid situation in Bengaluru Rural. He said the government has identified children with low immunity and will take action to improve their health.

So far, the district's positivity rate has been low, and Covid cases have been few in comparison with other districts. Sudhakar said the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been advised to take control of a possible Covid third wave, and suggested that positive cases be sent to Covid Care Centres, and that there should be no reduction in testing.

Many children in the district were found to have lung problems, anaemia, kidney problems and malnutrition. He said measures would be taken to treat the children identified, and carry out health checkups.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will inaugurate the 'Arogya Nandana' programme in a week, and put 1.5 crore children in the state through a health check. "We will work to protect and treat those with low immunity. Over 48 per cent of people in the district have been given the first dose of Covid vaccine," said Dr Sudhakar.

In Bengaluru Rural, the state government is planning to build a mother and infant hospital and over 142 sub-centres are being upgraded to a health and wellness centre. At least one primary health centre will be upgraded in each constituency. Already, 29 doctors have been appointed in the district.

COVID BYTES

Karnataka records 1,365 fresh Covid-19 cases

BENGALURU: Karnataka on Thursday reported 1,365 fresh Covid-19 cases taking the total tally since the beginning of the pandemic last year to 29,33,192. Meanwhile, Bengaluru reported 327 cases, taking the tally to 12,33,83. With this, the capital accounts for little less than half---42.06%--- of the state's Covid-19 tally. Active cases in Bengaluru, however, increased from 7,913 to 7,920. The state's positivity rate reduced from 7.12% to 7.09% and 1,558 discharges increased the recovery rate from 98% to 98.01%. ENS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has negotiated for the purchase of the vacant site bearing No.389/9 (described in the schedule hereunder) from Smt.G.Mamatha, D/o M.Gopal Rao, R/at No.362, Lakshmi Road, 7th Cross, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027, for valuable consideration.

If any person/s entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has or claiming any charge, lien, encumbrance or any right, title, interest, share and claim, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the owners and upon the schedule property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of undersigned in writing together with all details of right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation or demand within seven (7) days from the date of this notice, failing which, such claim shall be considered to have been waived or given up and our client shall be entitled to purchase the schedule property. Objections or claims are received after the expiry of the period stipulated above along with grace period of Three (03) days shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential immovable property bearing No.362, formed out of Sy. No. 86 of Akkithimmanahalli Extension, reconveyed by Bangalore Development Authority, situated at Lakshmi Road, 7th Cross, Akkithimmanahalli Layout, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027, measuring East-West 18.30 Mtrs & North-South 11.90+14.95/2 Mtrs together with RCC Roof residential building measuring 111.4836 Sq.Mtrs, consisting of ground, first and second floor and bounded on **East by:** Storm Water Drain and Road, **West by:** Site No.361, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Storm Water Drain.

Sd/- **H.T.Nataraja,** Advocate
113, 1st floor, Inspirations Art Framing Gallery Building, 2nd Main, Seshadhripuram, Bangalore-560 020. Phone No. 9845012696
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] [For Immovable Property]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **06.04.2021** calling upon the borrowers **Smt. Anusuyamma C W/o Thibbaiah D K and Shri. Thibbaiah D K S/o Late Kadappa** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 9,99,892/-** and interest from **01.04.2021** to till date of final payment within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has take possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the (Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the **13.08.2021**.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd., for an amount of **Rs.9,99,892/-** and interest thereon.

Description of immovable property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property situated at Kahneshumari no. 188/170, Property no. 152900402200400238, Dayanakanapura village and panchayath, Kootagal Hobli, Ramanagaram Dist. Measuring East to west 48 Feet; North to South 50 Feet with a total area measuring 2400 Sq. Ft and the same is bounded on

East by: Property of Sanamma, **West by:** House of Rangaiah, **North by:** Property of Doddanna, **South by:** Govt. Road.

Date: 18.08.2021
Place: Ramanagaram

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my client Sri. Mahesh .R S/o Ramanji, R/at Tirupalya, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, owner of property bearing assessment No.34, site No.25, Measuring East to West 50 feets, North to South 30 feets, totally measuring 1500 sq. feets, situated at Kuduregere Village, Aluru grama panchayath and post, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-562162, has lost the original sale deed dated 29/06/2019 bearing registered document No.MDL-1-02522/2019-20, CD No.MDLD364, Book No.I, in office of the Sub-Registrar Madanayakanahalli, executed by Erappa S/o Doddabasappa in favor of my client namely Mahesh.R S/o Ramanji, during the time of painting of his house on 26/07/2021 and he lodged a complaint to the Hebbagodi police station vide complaint (GSC) No.P0133210600773. If anybody found this document please handover to me the following address.

E. Shankar, Advocate
No.01, Yallappa Building, Near Dr. Mohan Clinic, Anekal Town, Bangalore-562106.
Mob: 9902667426, 9606256606

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, the undersigned bring to the notice of the general public that our client Smt. Manjula has lost the Original Sale Deed, dated 05.05.2006 Registered as Document No.4265/2006-07 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore, while Travelling in bus. Accordingly she has lodged a police complaint on 18.08.2021 with Bengaluru City Police Station, Bangalore

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site no.18 old khata No.41:3 and Present Khata No.118 situated at Kenchanahalli Village Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1350 Sqft. Any one finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to hand over the same to our office at the address mentioned hereunder.

HARISHA .S, Advocate
HBM Law Associates
No.2, 1st Floor, Byranna Building, Madanayakanahalli, Tumkur Road, Dasanpura Hobli,Near Canara Bank, Bengaluru -562125. Mobile: 90609 50265

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that our client is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule property.

Original registered Sale Deed dated 02-02-1961 executed by Sri. H Mallayya in favour of Sri. K KRadhakrishna Nair (Doc. No. 5122/1960-61) related to schedule property is lost/misplaced. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged online on 18/08/2021.

Any person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 07 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he / she shall be doing so at their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.7, Old Municipal No.33, PID No.63-31-7, situated at 1st A Main Road, Bannerghatta Road, Lakkasandra, Bangalore, admeasuring East to West: on Northern Side: 58 feet, on Southern Side: 70 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 2560 Square feet, within the revenue limits of BBMP, Bangalore and property is bounded on:

East by : Erappa's Property,
West by : 1st A Main Road,
North by : Site Nos.32 and 37,
South by : Site No.34.

H.K.GIRISH, ADVOCATE
M & G Associates
82, 1st Floor, 41st Cross, 08th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore – 560 070.
Ph - 080-26632343 / 8867044665
Date: 19/08/2021

J C Road Branch
Aruna Complex, # 66/1&2, 1st Floor
J C Road, Bangalore-560002

(See Rule 8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable Property

Whereas The undersigned being the authorised officer of Union Bank of India, **J. C. Road Branch, Arun Complex, 66/1 @ 66/2, 1st Floor, J.C. Road Bangalore-560002** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 16.04.2021** calling upon the **borrower Mr N. Somashekhara Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy and Mrs S. Kalpana W/o Sri N Somashekhara Reddy** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.4,25,77,640.25 (Rupees Four Crores Twenty Five Lakhs Seventy seven thousand six hundred forty and paise Twenty five only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read withrule 8 of the said rules on this **03rd day, Jun of the year 2021.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Union Bank of India, J C Road (name of the Institution) for an amount **Rs.4,25,77,640.25 (Rupees Four Crores Twenty Five Lakhs Seventy seven thousand six hundred forty and paise Twenty five only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 130 f the Act, in respect of time available to the borrower to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property

ITEM No.1 : **1.1.** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No: 01, carved out of Sy No: 70/12, duly converted vide official memorandum No: ALN SR (A) 37/1997-98 Dt 09.10.1997, bearing Katha No: 1599/01, approved by BMRDA vide LAO/073/2004-05 Dt 01.03.2005, situated at Muthagatti Village, Kasaba Village Anekal Taluk known as Sai asheervad Layout, measuring 541/2 X 40 feet, in all measuring 2,180 square feet, together with commercial building standing thereon, bounded on the **East by** : Village Road **West by** : Site No: 28 **North By** : Site No: 27 **South By** : Anekal Hosur Road

1.2. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No: 02, Municipal assessment Katha No: 1600, measuring East to west 32 ft X 40 ft, situated at Sai Asheervad layout, Ward No: 6/6, Anekal Town, Bangalore together with commercial building thereon, bounded on the: **east by** : Road **West by** : Site No: 27 **North By** : Site No: 03 **South By** : Site No: 01.

1.3. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing 27, new katha No: 1625A/27A, Carved out of Sy No: 70/12, duly converted vide official memorandum ALN SR(A)37/1997-98 Dt 09.10.1997 bearing old katha No:1625/27, approved by BMRDA vide LAO/073/2004-05 Dt 01.03.2005, situated at Muthagatti Village, Kasaba Hobali, Anekal Taluk, known as Sai Asheervad Layout, measuring east to west 30 ft and north to south 40 ft in all measuring 1200 Sqft, together with commercial building standing thereon, bounded on, **east by** : Site No: 02 **West by** : Remaining portion of same site No: 27 **North By** : Site No: 26 **South By** : Site No: 28.

1.4. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing 28, new katha No: 1626A/28A, Carved out of Sy No: 70/12, duly converted vide official memorandum ALN SR (A)37/1997-98 Dt 09.10.1997 bearing old katha No: 1626/28, approved by BMRDA vide LAO/073/2004-05 Dt 01.03.2005, situated at Muthagatti Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, known as Sai Asheervad Layout, measuring east to west 30 ft and north to south 53 ft 5 inches, in all measuring 1605 Sqft, together with commercial building standing thereon, bounded on, **East by** : Site No: 01 **West by** : Remaining portion of same site No: 28 **North By** : Site No: 27 **South By** : Road.

ITEM No.2 1.0 All that piece and parcel of property bearing katha No: 80/78, assessment No: 94/78, measuring 30feet X 90 feet situated at taluk office Road near bus stand Anekal town Bangalore Dist together with commercial building standing thereon, bounded on **East by** : Katha No: 80/78/A **West By** : Municipal road **North By:** Thimmarayappa's and Papannas Property **South By:** Talluk Office, Road.

Date: 03.08.2021, Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
DIVISIONAL OFFICE
No.6, 2nd Floor, Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore – 560 004

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
Issued Under Rule 8(1) Of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **03.06.2021** calling upon the borrower **(1) Mr. Umesh Gurjar,** S/o. Sri. Sakharam P Gurjar, Residing at # 179, Paramjyothi, 2nd Floor, 5th Main, Nrupatunga Nagar, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore – 560 078 and **(2) Mr. Murthy R (Guarantor)** residing at #65, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Brundavananagar, Dhobighat, Gavipuram Extension, Bangalore – 560 019 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 74,44,975.24** (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five and paise Twenty Four only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **18th day of August of the year 2021;**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs. 76,42,753.15** (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Three and paise Fifteen only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat bearing No. 101, 1st Floor, "Akshaya Pride", located at Ward No. 195, Katha No. 2906/2122/5, Kothanuru Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore measuring 1711 sq feet and 352 sq feet of UDS; Bounded: On the East by: Common Area and Road, On the West by: Apartment No. 106, On the North by: Property belonging to Ramaswamy Raju and On the South by: Apartment No. 102

Place: Bangalore
Date : 18.08.2021

Sd/- Chief Manager/Authorized Officer
The Karur Vysya Bank Limited

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
DIVISIONAL OFFICE
No.6, 2nd Floor, Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore – 560 004

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
Issued Under Rule 8(1) Of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Substituted Demand Notice dated **07.06.2021** calling upon the borrower **(1) Mr. N Sandesh Kumar,** S/o. Ravi Varma Raj; **(2) Mrs. Padma Rekha S both residing at** No. 223, 1st Floor, 8th Cross, 1st N Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560 010 and **(3) Mr. Mohan Rao B,** S/o. Sri. Venkata Krishna, **Residing at** No.61, Jayanna House, 8th Main, 1st Cross, Hosur Main Road, Hosapalaya, Bangalore – 560 068 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 3,05,24,037.18** (Rupees Three Crores Five Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Thirty Seven and paise Eighteen only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **17th day of August of the year 2021;**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs. 3,11,52,641.07** (Rupees Three Crore Eleven Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty One and paise Seven only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the Villa/Unit No. 180/12B also known as B2, (presently bearing E Khata No. 180/12B, SI No. 150200102701020444) with basement, ground, first, second and third floor of Vaishnavi Anantya, being constructed in terms of Sanction Plan and rectified order vide LAO 91/11-12, dated 10.02.2012, situated at S. Medahalli village, Handenahalli Village Panchayath, Sarjapura hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore measuring 5240.88 sq feet of super builtup area along with car parking area of 270 sq feet; Bounded: On the East by: Villa No. 180/3A, On the West by: Passage 180/17C, On the North by: Villa No. 180/13B and On the South by: Villa No. 180/11B

Place: Bangalore
Date : 17.08.2021

Sd/- Chief Manager/Authorized Officer
The Karur Vysya Bank Limited

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600 001
Branch Office: Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45& 45/1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560027

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13[2] OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

You, the under mentioned Borrowers / Mortgagors is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needles to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Name and Address of the Borrower/s and Co-Borrower	Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding	Description of the property/ Secured Asset
Loan Account No. HL03PEE000022225 **1.Mariyappa Hanumantharaju** **2.Chudamani** Both residing at No.19, 6th Cross, 2nd Main Bangalore North - 560058	**Rs. 36,00,000/-**	**04.08.2021 & Rs. 37,72,183 as on 02.08.2021 with further interest thereon**	All the piece and parcel of Property bearing Flat No. FF-03, on East facing First floor, consisting two Bed rooms, having super built up area 840 square feet along with undivided share (1/8th) / 435 square feet along with one car parking space in basement floor, constructed on property bearing Municipal No. 69, PID No. 16-45-69 in Sy.No. 211, 213 and 38/2, layout formed by The Karnataka House Building Co-Operative Society, Limited. Situated at 2nd Stage, KHBC Extension, Laggere village, Bengaluru, Presently within the limits of BBMP, ward No.16, Site measuring East to West 30ft and North to south 58 ft. and bounded on: East by : Property No.67, West by : Property No.70, North by : Road, South by : Flat No.FF-04

Date : 18.08.2021
Place: Bangalore

AUTHORISED OFFICER
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THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED › MARK TWAIN

Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union MoS for Entrepreneurship, Skill Development, Electronics and Technology on Wednesday said that smaller cities that have good internet and cloud infrastructure will stand to benefit in the next five years as more and more IT companies are investing in remote working post Covid. He was addressing the media during the Jan Ashirwad Yatra in Mangaluru

Parliament, Assemblies place for debates, not disruptions: Venkaiah

Veep asks elected representatives to raise standards of the institution they represent

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

VICE-President M Venkaiah Naidu on Wednesday expressed concern over disruptions caused during proceedings in Parliament and Assemblies in the states. "Disruption means you are disrupting the cause of the country," Naidu said while speaking at the Sir M Visvesvaraya Memorial Award ceremony, organised by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) at Vidhana Soudha here.

Naidu said that Parliament and Assemblies are meant for debates and discussions. There are bound to be tensions during debates, but the members should focus on maintaining decorum as people are watching them," he said. "Not that I am afraid to take action. I can take action and, if necessary, I will take action. But, the point is, people become disheartened when they see such things on television," he said, referring to the recent ruckus in the Rajya Sabha.

While Union Ministers have demanded action against the Opposition members for disrupting the House proceedings, the latter blamed the government for the ruckus. "You might have seen what happened in Parliament sometime back. A lot of youngsters called me and told me, 'You are the Vice President of India, why are you so sad?' I am saddened by the bad behaviour of some people," he said, pointing out that it was a new low in the Indian Parliament.

Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu presents the Sir M Visvesvaraya Memorial Award to MR Jayaram, chairman, MS Ramaiah Group of Institutions, at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Referring to similar incidents in several state Assemblies, including Karnataka, Naidu said elected representatives should keep in mind the need to raise the standards of the institution they represent and improve one's contribution by calibre, character, capacity and conduct.

Naidu hoped that legislators will try to improve the quality of debates, discussions and decisions and avoid disruptions. "Protests and dissent are rights in a democracy. Agree to disagree, but you cannot physically force anyone. People's verdict is ultimate in a democracy," he added.

Naidu said the younger generation must come up with new ideas and innovations to accelerate the progress of the country and eradicate poverty.

"The next few years are going to be very crucial, in terms of global cooperation and action to mitigate climate change. We should do more with limited resources and come up with smarter ways to reduce our carbon footprint," the Vice President added.

The Vice-President presented the 'Sir M Visvesvaraya Memorial Award' to M R Jayaram, Chairman, M S Ramaiah Group of Institutions.

VP to visit Hampi on August 21

HOSAPETE: Venkaiah Naidu will visit the world-famous Hampi monuments on August 21. He will land the previous evening at Hosapete and visit Tungabhadra Dam. He will stay at Mayura Hotel in Kamalapura. He will begin his Hampi visit by offering prayers at Virupaksha Temple. The administration has spruced up the town ahead of his visit. ENS

GIVING A BOOST

Will walk the extra mile to fire up industries in state, says CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday said that the State Government will strive to put Karnataka on top of India's industrial map and he is ready to "walk one mile extra" with the industries to make it successful.

"In the coming days, we will work to put Karnataka in the number one spot on the industrial map. I am ready to walk one mile extra with you to make it successful," Bommai said. He was speaking at the Sir M Visvesvaraya Memorial Award presentation ceremony organised by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru.

Appreciating the trade body's contribution to the state's growth and industrialisation, Bommai said, "FKCCI has been a leader. We will march ahead under its leadership and take Karnataka ahead."

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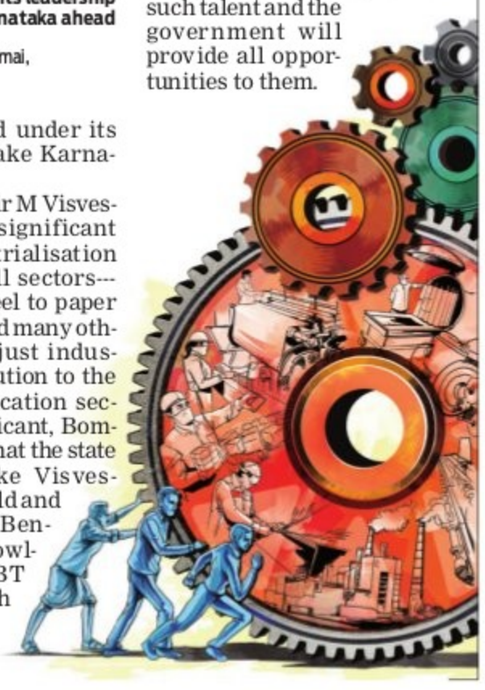
>
> Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

Bommai said Sir M Visvesvaraya played a significant role in the industrialisation of the state in all sectors---from iron and steel to paper and ink to soap and many other sectors. Not just industries, his contribution to the banking and education sectors is also significant, Bommai said, adding that the state needs people like Visvesvaraya now to build and take it forward. Bengaluru is a "Knowledge City, IT/BT City and Research and Development City" and it needs such leadership to take it forward, the chief minister said, adding that there are many people with such talent and the government will provide all opportunities to them.



Nodal officer to look into Af evacuations

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IN a notification issued on Wednesday, the government stated that ADGP-CID Umesh Kumar, has been appointed nodal officer to coordinate with the Centre for the safe evacuation of people from Karnataka stranded in Afghanistan, as there is turmoil in that country.

"The Centre has already set up a helpline to bring back Indians stranded in Afghanistan. To coordinate with the Centre on bringing back Kannadigas safely from Afghanistan, ADGP Umesh Kumar has been appointed nodal officer," the notification stated, adding that a control room has been established in this regard.

Information may be sent to the following numbers and email - 080-22094498, 080-22942628, 9480800187, afghan_kar@ksp.gov.in, and also be furnished directly to the MEA.

Details of informant name, contact number, address, relationship, name of persons staying in Afghanistan, their present location, occupation/purpose of visit, passport details, and date of arrival in Afghanistan will have to be furnished.

PAC flays govt over excess payment for RAT kits, reply on ventilators

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Public Accounts Committee sought to know from the Karnataka government why unrealistically high amounts had been paid to procure equipment like Rapid Antigen Test kits and other Covid care materials.

It pointed out that the government had paid an exorbitant price to procure 30 lakh units of Rapid Antigen Test kits, paying Rs 81 per unit instead of the market rate of Rs 33-35 per unit paid by other states. This resulted in a loss of Rs 3.8 crore.

Besides this, the government purchased 1195 Haematology Cell Count kits, paying an excess of about Rs 25 crore, and in another instance, purchased 165 units and paid about Rs 6.18 crore in excess.

The Public Accounts Committee, under the chairmanship of MLA and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee working president Ramalinga Reddy, met on Tuesday. Most of the 20 member legislators, including B K Hariprasad, former Speakers Ramesh Kumar and KG Bopaiah, and others participated.

They refused to accept the government's "lame explanation" and also discussed purchases by states like Kerala. The PAC will take up the issue again next week.

While the government maintained that ventilators were available in all government facilities and that no one faced ventilator shortage, the PAC legislators would not accept the government's replies, and a livid group of legislators, including former Speaker Ramesh Kumar and MLA Haratal Halappa strongly disagreed, and narrated instance after instance of how people had suffered and many had died because of the shortage of ventilators during the second Covid wave.

Ramesh Kumar even challenged the officers with data, and told them that in other countries, they would be dealt with harshly for spreading false information.

The PAC was probing one issue: why did the Karnataka government pay exorbitant amounts to buy Covid equipment and material for Covid management, when other states had purchased the same materials and equipment at a much lower cost, at times for half the price.

Union Minister of State Bhagwanth Khuba inaugurates the Jan Ashirwad Yatra in Kalaburagi on Tuesday

Minister's yatra violates Covid-19 norms, marred by shooting, arrests

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Kalaburagi

THE BJP's Jan Ashirwad Yatra to introduce newly inducted Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Bhagwanth Khuba to the people of North Karnataka, was marred by controversy in Kalaburagi, with police registering an FIR against the organisers for violating Covid-19 protocol.

The Yatra had commenced from Bidar on Monday. Yadgir police arrested four activists for firing in the air to welcome the Jan Ashirwad Yatra at Yargol village of Yadgir district on Wednesday morning. The activists, walking in the middle of the procession, fired in the air from countrymade rifles. They were allegedly followers of former minister Babu Rao Chinchansoor.

Police sources told *TNIE* that Kalaburagi tahsildar Prakash Kudri had written a letter, asking that a case be registered against the organisers of the Jan Ashirwad Yatra for failing to take permission from the district administration and holding the programme till 10pm on Tuesday, in violation of Covid curfew. A case has been booked against the organisers as well as the management of Veerashaiva Kalyana Mantap of Kalaburagi.

The tahsildar said he was writing the letter on the instructions of the Kalaburagi Deputy Commissioner, and sought cases against the organisers for violation of Covid-19 protocols. The letter said that the organisers had arranged the programma (Janashirvada Yatra) at Veerashaiva Kalyana Karnataka Mantap on Tuesday, without the permission of the district administration. Though night curfew was in force, the programme continued till late in the evening, in violation of Covid-19 protocol.

At a press meeet on Tuesday, senior Congress leader Dr Sharanaprakash Patil asked the district administration to book suo motu cases against the organisers immediately.

At another press meet on Wednesday, Khuba admitted that Covid protocol had been violated, but said that the violations were not intentional. He promised that such violations will not recur. The Yatra had started at 8pm, while night curfew commences at 9pm and ends at 5am.

Yadgir SP Vedamurthy, in a press note stated that Yadgir Rural Police arrested four, including Sharanappa Bhimalli, Monappa Manegar, Ningappa Hattikuni and Devendra s/o Hanumant under the Arms Act, and said they would be produced before court.

ON AGENDA

Bommai's first cabinet meeting likely to focus on healthcare

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai's first cabinet meeting on Thursday morning, expected to be attended by all 29 ministers, is likely to focus on healthcare, considering the pandemic is still a harsh reality. With the psychological effects of Covid taking a toll on the people, experts have suggested many practical changes which the cabinet is expected to discuss. It is likely to take up guidelines under the Mental Health Care Act. The need to provide healthcare to adolescent girls, who will be given sanitary napkins in all aided and government institutions, is also on the agenda. The initiative costs close to Rs 50 crore, says an official estimate.

The cabinet is also expected to accord administrative approval to nearly 2,900 health centres which are to be upgraded into more comprehensive health centres at an estimated cost of about Rs 480 crore. This upgradation of health centres will come in handy as they serve the poorest of the poor across the state, at a time when the state is facing the Covid pandemic.

The cabinet is expected to accord administrative approval for a Mini Vidhana Soudha in Aland taluk of Kalaburagi district, which has been a long-pending demand of the people. About Rs 12.5 crore is expected to be sanctioned for the works. There was a demand from the Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt in Bengaluru, seeking change of land use for 22 acres in South-east Bengaluru, off the Bengaluru-Sarjapur Road, and the cabinet is expected to grant administrative approval for this demand from ashram inmates, who met officials. The cabinet is also expected to take up a solid waste management project for Mangalore City Corporation, at an approximate cost of Rs 74 crore.

Siddaramaiah seeks Shobha's apology over farmer remark

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OPPOSITION leader Siddaramaiah on Wednesday slammed Union MoS for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shobha Kharandlaje, for calling farmers as 'middlemen' and demanded that she apologise for her remarks. In a series of tweets, Siddaramaiah said the farmers' protests are not like the protests by BJP leaders in Karnataka to demand ministerial positions. The farmers' movement in the state has a rich history with many prominent leaders like Prof M D Nanjundaswamy and others leading such protests, he noted.

"She has humiliated our 'Annadata' by calling them 'brokers' and 'middlemen'. The Constitution gives the right to hold peaceful protests and farmers are only voicing their opinion about the anti-farmer laws. She should withdraw her statement and apolgise" he insisted. Siddaramaiah questioned if Shobha's statement is the official stand of the BJP. "PM Narendra Modi should accept it or take action against her for the irresponsible comments," he demanded.

During a Jan Ashirwad Yatra, the MP had remarked that those who staged protests in Delhi against the farm laws were not farmers, but middlemen and brokers.

WHAT'S BREWING?

Israeli technology adds zing to local kaapi and chai

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

ISRAELI agri-scientists are among pioneers when it comes to applying scientific knowledge to agriculture. Now, they are venturing into beverages. After path-breaking innovations and tie-ups to make kaapi (coffee) better through their unit in Sakleshpur, Hassan district, they are shortly launching technical innovation to improve chai (tea) through research data and tech know-how.

Karnataka does not have too many tea plantations, although there are a few in Kodagu, Hassan and Chikkamagaluru districts. India is the second largest tea producer in the world, and tea growers have long complained of problems due to climate change and seasonal effects, considering that tea is sensitive to changes in the weather and has specific needs when it comes to climate.

Agriculture Minister B C Patil told *TNIE*, "Israeli agri-scientists use technology to achieve better soil management techniques, utilise water which is scarce, and cultivate coffee and tea plantations based on science. This helps bring down the cost of cultivation." Israeli Consul General Jonathan Zadka, who is based out of Bengaluru, told *TNIE*, "Our scientists and experts are working with United Planters' Association of Southern India. We have already set up a smart irrigation project on a tea estate to use scarce water resources and help growers achieve higher yield with minimum amounts of water. Jain Irrigation Systems and Israeli company NanDan Irrigation have put up the first of its kind drip irrigation system on a plot as a pilot venture. It is an attempt to introduce a robust tailor-made irrigation solution. The system involves a combination of drip irrigation technology, automation and fertigation and empowers tea growers to produce higher yield of better quality crop, with fewer resources."

In his maiden review meeting of all electricity supply companies on Wednesday, Energy Minister V Sunil Kumar instructed officials to set up a single-window system to receive complaints. He also directed them to focus on setting up electric vehicle charging stations on priority.

Minister cracks down on arbitrary transfers in health dept

Dr Sudhakar's decision to enhance efficiency in the functioning of the department and improve delivery of services to citizens

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Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Wednesday issued an order directing to make counselling mandatory for transfers of medical officers and other staff in the State Health and Family Welfare Department. This order will put a brake on arbitrary transfers that were happening around the year through recommendations and other corrupt practices.

This decision will also enhance transparency and efficiency in the functioning of the department and improve the delivery of health services to citizens preventing arbitrary transfers based on recommendations and lobbying, Dr Sudhakar said in a statement.

"The Karnataka State Civil Services (Regulation of Transfer of Medical Officers and other Staff) Act, 2011, provides that all transfers of medical officers and other staff in the Health and Family Welfare Department must happen through counselling. The Act exempts administrative positions from counselling and transfer of such cases has to be brought to the notice of the minister," the note added.

This decision will not only ensure transparency and discipline in transfers of medical officers and other staff, but also prevent corruption and arbitrary transfers – Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister

"No other transfer proposals should be taken up. In case if anyone violates the order, all the concerned staff will be subjected to strict departmental disciplinary action. Employees, who are battling serious illness, who are on the verge of retirement, those who have less than 2 years of service, those who are 40% or more physically-handicapped, widows, husband and wife mutual transfer and other such special cases based on humanitarian grounds will be considered for transfer only once in two months and the Act will also be recommended accordingly," Dr Sudhakar added.

"This decision will not only ensure transparency and discipline in transfers of medical officers and other staff, but also prevent corruption and arbitrary transfers which negatively impact the functioning of the department and delivery of health services to the people," Dr Sudhakar tweeted.

The rules state that senior specialists, specialists, deputy chief medical officers, senior medical officers, general duty medical officers, chief dental health officers, senior dental health officers, and dental health officers can be transferred by the commissioner of the department. Group B, C, and D staff can be transferred by the department director and the same applies to the AYUSH Department. The rules mandate 3 years, 4 years, 5 years and 7 years mandatory service in one posting for Group A, B, C, and D employees, respectively.

Upset over son's suicide, woman dies in freak mishap

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IN a tragic incident, a 39-year-old woman came under a speeding car soon after she learnt about the death of her son by suicide. The incident took place in Vijayanagar police station limits on Tuesday.

Leelavathi was distraught after her son Mohan Gowda (18), a first-year BCom student, was declared dead. Her husband Lokesh runs a ration shop, and the family lives in MC Layout in Vijayanagar.

Police said Mohan had gone to write an exam and fought with his friends, who accused him of stealing one of their bikes. Upset, he returned home and locked himself in a room.

Though his parents knocked repeatedly, he did not open the door. They broke open the door with the help of two policemen who were enforcing Covid-appropriate behaviour nearby, and found Mohan hanging from the ceiling with a saree. "The teenager was brought down and rushed to a hospital on West of Chord Road, where he was declared brought dead around 12.30pm. Shocked that her son had passed away, Leelavathi ran towards the road but was stopped and brought back by her family members. While they were consoling her, Leelavathi again ran towards the road and came under a speeding car. She was rushed to the same hospital where doctors declared her dead at 1 pm," police said.w

BETTER LATE...

Reserve 1 pc jobs for transgenders, HC tells govt

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THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the state government to consider issuing directions/advisories to its authorities, boards, corporations and its agencies to provide one per cent reservation in jobs for transgender persons.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice NS Sanjay Gowda passed the order after hearing the public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Sangama, an organisation working for the upliftment of transgenders, and Nisha Gulur, who works for the welfare for transgenders.

Following the directions issued by the court in response to the petition, the state government had amended the Rule 9 of the Karnataka Civil Services (General Recruitment) Rules.

The government amended Rule 9 to insert Sub-Rule (1)(D) to mandate that 1 per cent of vacancies in any service or post should be filled from the transgender community in each category of general merit, SC, ST and in each of the categories among Other Backward Classes.

The petition sought reservation in jobs for the community under Section 2(k) of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

MAD RUSH WITH FEW MASKS

Students gather outside Maharaja PU College, ignoring Covid safety norms, to look at the list of first PU seat allotment, on Wednesday, in Mysuru | UDAYSHANKARS

Three arrested for trafficking newborn

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TWO women, who had sold a newborn baby boy, and a man who had bought the baby, have been arrested by the Wilson Garden police. The accused have been identified as Tarannum Banu (38), Nishath Kousar (45) and K Sawood (51).

Police said the case came to light when a patrol squad came across a man and woman quarrelling near Agadi Hospital on Monday. When the police approached them to inquire, the man took to his heels while the woman was apprehended.

"The woman was identified as Tarannum Banu, a resident of Adugodi. She revealed that her domestic help had given birth to a baby boy out of wedlock a few days ago. The boy's father Mubarak Pasha had decided to sell the baby and had struck a deal with Banu. After convincing the mother that he will take the baby out for a while, he had handed over the baby to Banu, who had sold it to her relative Sawood, who had been issueless even after 15 years of marriage," the police said. Sawood had agreed to pay Rs 1.30 lakh and had even paid an advance of Rs 50,000 to Banu. As the latter had not given a share to Pasha, he was quarrelling with her in front of Agadi hospital, when Banu was apprehended, the police said.

"Based on her statement, Banu was arrested. Sawood and Kousar, who had facilitated the deal, were also nabbed. The 38-day-old baby has been rescued and reunited with his mother. We are on the lookout for Pasha," the police added.

Court tells senior cop to supervise statue probe

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THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the Deputy Commissioner of Police (South East) to supervise the investigation into the case registered over uncovering a Lord Shiva statue on an artificial island in Begur Lake, thus violating the court's order, and submit report in a sealed cover on or before September 2.

A special division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order during the hearing of a batch of PILs through which the court is monitoring the preservation of lakes in the city.

Meanwhile, as per the court's directions, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant submitted the report dated August 17 on the incident of violation of the court's order and steps taken to maintain the status quo as ordered.

In view of the interim order passed by the court, the statue which was erected on the artificial island was covered with a tarpaulin sheet. However, some organisations uncovered the statue and planted saffron flags there.

HC SEEKS REPORT ON FACILITIES PROVIDED AT PHCs

BENGALURU: The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities to visit at least three Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and sub-centres randomly, to ascertain whether proper facilities are being provided, and submit a report. Passing the order after hearing a PIL filed by Gurunath Vadde from Aurad in Bidar district, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice NS Sanjay Gowda clarified that the Secretaries must visit those centres without prior notice and the compiled report should be submitted to the court through the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority. Further hearing will be held on September 22, 2021. ENS

High Court takes note of 'zero traffic' for Jolle's car

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THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the Chief Secretary or an appropriate officer of the State Government to treat a PIL, seeking action against errant officers who allegedly misused their administrative powers to provide zero traffic clearance to minister **Shashikala Jolle**, as a representation. The minister had travelled from Kempegowda International Airport to Raj Bhavan for the swearing-in ceremony. The HC has directed that an appropriate order passed within a month and placed before the court.

Hearing a petition filed by G Balaji Naidu, a resident of Ramamurthy Nagar, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice NS Sanjay Gowda also issued notice to the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police, Commissioner of Police and others. The court orally observed that while it can understand zero clearance being provided for reasons such as heart transplant, this case was different from such reasons, which is a violation of Article 19(1)(d). During the hearing, the government advocate raised objections on the petition on the ground that it was filed without submitting any representation to the concerned authorities. Therefore, the court directed that the petition itself be considered as representation and an appropriate order be passed and placed before it on September 22, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, M. Raghu S/o. Mr. Manjunatha, aged about 34 years, R/at No. 641, Ambedkar Nagar, Vijanapura, D.V. Nagar Post, Bangalore- 16, have purchased the property bearing Residential Vacant Site No. 3, old BBMP Khata No. 234/2, 3/40, 2,3/03, Present BBMP Khata No. 2433 formed in Property No. 40/2 and 40/3, situated at "SANTHOSH NAGAR" Attur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, the said property comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Ward No. 3, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 Feet, from one Sri. Chaithanya Prabhu Kalavagunta, S/o. Sri. S. Venugopal Reddy, under the registered Sale Deed dated 07-12-2020, at the time of purchase of the above said property the said original document of the sale deed was handed over to my custody, However at the time of shifting my house the original sale deed dated 07-12-2020, Document No. KCH-1-03312-2020-21, of Book-1, CD No. KCHD 728, has been lost. However, I have also lodged a complaint, before the Jusrisdictional police on 17-08-2021. Hence, I hereby request if any person/persons found the same may kindly handover the same to the above said address and do the needful.

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Home Minister Araga Jnanendra inspects recovered property at the CAR Parade Grounds in Bengaluru on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Dishonest cops won't be tolerated: Jnanendra

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HOME Minister Araga Jnanendra has said that indiscipline and dishonesty in the police force will not be tolerated.

Speaking at a property parade organised at City Armed Reserve (CAR) headquarters here on Wednesday, Jnanendra said the majority of the policemen were honest and sincere towards their duty. "However, a few men have brought disrepute to the force by associating themselves with anti-social elements. This won't be tolerated. A report will be prepared on such staff and appropriate action will be taken," the minister said.

Appreciating the work of the police in several sensitive cases, Jnanendra said the force should act faster than criminals, who are committing offences using technology.

In the property parade, recovered valuables worth Rs 56 crore and drugs worth Rs 32 crore was displayed. The Home Minister returned the valuables to 18 victims symbolically and announced a reward of Rs 18 lakh to 400 police personnel.

Vietnam to open mission in Bengaluru

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VIETNAM on Wednesday announced the opening of its consulate office in Bengaluru. NS Srinivas Murthy has been appointed as Honorary Consul of Vietnam in Karnataka.

Vietnamese Ambassador to India, Pham Sanh Chau, who was in Bengaluru to meet Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, announced the opening of the consulate office to improve ties between the two countries.

Murthy said the ambassador met the CM along with an 18-member delegation to discuss economic and industrial cooperation. A suggestion have a sister city agreement between Bengaluru and Danang, the third largest city in Vietnam, was also discussed at the meeting. "The ambassador invited the CM to Vietnam with a delegation, and the latter has agreed to it," Murthy said.

"We discussed increasing Karnataka-Vietnam collaborations and explored opportunities. Karnataka is an ideal destination for Vietnamese firms to make investments," said Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani.

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BANGALORE
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Union Bank of India (E-Andhra Bank), Cantonment Branch ...APPLICANT

AND:

Smt. C.M. Kalavathi ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS ISSUED TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

Mrs. C.M. KALAVATHI, W/o. Mr. Chandrashekar H.S, No. 30, VST Layout, Near MTB School, Lakshmi Sagar, Mahadevapura, Bangalore - 560 048.

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 (copy enclosed) against you for recovery of **Rs. 20,05,836/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Six Only),** together with current and future interest and other relief/s.

The above mentioned Defendant is therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate, in support of his defence to show cause **on 28.10.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in the event of the default, this Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hands and seal of this Tribunal on this the 16th day of July 2021.

By order of the Tribunal,
Registrar, Debt Recovery Tribunal-2,
Bangalore - 560 025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, **Prema Devi**, W/o Tejraj, **Tejraj,** S/o. Gangaram and **Gapar Ram Kumawat,** S/o. Gangaram, Residing at No.01, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, RV Colony, New Timber Yard Layout, Mysore Road, Bangalore-26 Intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its title holder **Bharath S,** S/o Late Shivkumar K.V and **Suhas S,** S/o. Late Shivkumar K.V Residing at No. 5, 4TH Cross, Vishweshwarayya Layout, Sidedahalli, Nagasandra, Bangalore-73.

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JALANDHARA, Advocate
No. 5, Bhoopasandra Main Road, Bhoopasandra, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-94.
Mobile No. 9845351500 Date: 18/08/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **(1) SRI. CHANNAREDDY PATIL,** aged about 66 years, S/o Late Rayappagouda Patil, Residing at H No.1-867/23/4,New Jewargi Road, Near Children park,Venkatesh Nagar, Gulbarga, Karnataka-585102. **(2) SRI. SIDDAN GOUDA SANBAL,** aged about 58 years,S/o Veeran Gouda Sanbal, C/o Veeran Gouda Sanbal,1-11-37/58, Near Lions School,KCHS Colony Raichur,Karnataka 584101. **(3) SRI. SANBAL PAMPAN GOUDA,** aged about 53 years,S/o Veeran Gouda Sanbal, C/o Veeran Gouda Sanbal, 1-11-37/58, Near Lions School,Raichur, Karnataka 584101 are intending to purchase the house property house property bearing No. 80, in the layout formed by NGEF Employees House Building Co-operative society Ltd, Bengaluru in survey No.65/4, situated in Nagasettyhalli, (Sachidandanagar) now situsted in 80 feet Road, NGEF Layout, Sanjay Nagar Bengaluru-560094 (Layout plan Sanctioned by the B.D.A VIDE TPT/619/74-75 dated 6.07.1974) measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 80 feet and 6 inches in all measuring 4025 square feet with built up area of 3400 square feet with all civic amenities and bounded on **East by:** Site No.79, **West by:** Site No.81, **North by:** Site No.93, **South by:** Road from its vendor Smt. Nirmala Jayaraman, W/o Jayaraman. If anybody has any objections, the said persons/s may contact the undersigned party or counsel within 3 days from 19/8/2021 and may file their objections.

Sri. Channareddy Patil, Purchaser
Ph. 9448695876

Sri. Santoshraj C Deshamukh, Advocate
L-121, 4thMain, 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore 560102. Ph : 9986752084
Email : deshamukh@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, (COMMERCIAL COURT) AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 8028/2019 (CCH-87)

PLAINTIFF: Union Bank of India, (Formerly Corporation Bank), Sanjay Nagar Branch, No. 76, Adarsha Complex, Sanjay Nagar Main Road, Geddalahalli, Bengaluru-560094.

V/s

DEFENDANT : Sri. M. NOOR MOHAMMED

SUIT SUMMONS FOR SERVICE TO DEFENDANT, by Advertisement in News Paper under Order 5 Rule 20 of Code of Civil Procedure

To, **DEFENDANT : Sri. M. NOOR MOHAMMED.** S/o Sri. Muneer Ahmed Shariff, Residing at No.15/3-1, Colonel Hill Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560 051.

Whereas, the Plaintiff Bank has instituted the above suit, against the above named Defendant, for recovery of sum of Rs.6,70,747/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Seven Only). as on 07/11/2019, together with future interest at the rate of 9.50% p.a. compounded monthly and for costs.

You being Defendant, is hereby summoned to appear before the Commercial Court, CCH No.87, B.S.N.L. Building Rajbhavan Road, behind G.P.O., Bengaluru-560 001, in person or through a pleader duly instructed to answer all the material question relating to the suit, on **01/09/2021 at 11 .00 A.M.**

Take notice that in default, the suit will be heard and decided in your absence. (exparte)

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 28th day of July 2021.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
ASHWIN S. HALADY, Advocate
Flat No. 105, First Floor, Pranava Complex, 5th Cross, Malleshwaram, Opp. Big Bazaar, Bengaluru-560003. Mob: 9448127435

KOCHI METRO RAIL LIMITED
(A joint venture company of Govt. of India & Govt. of Kerala)
4th Floor, JLN Stadium Metro Station, Kaloor, Ernakulam-682017
Ph: 0484-2846700

E-TENDER

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR CARRIER MAKE HVAC SYSTEMS FOR 5 YEARS

Tender ID : 2021_KMRL_435275_1
Bid Submission end date and time: 15-Sep-2021 04:00 PM

Tender documents can be downloaded from www.etenders.kerala.gov.in / www.kochimetro.org

Further corrigendum & addendum will be published only on websites

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioners by name AMALRAJ AND OTHERS have filed petition for obtaining an order seeking direction to above said respondent authority to enter the Death of father of the petitioner No. 1 and father-in-law of Petitioner No. 2 who was by name M. INNASI, S/o. Michael (Late) Died on 17-12-2003 at No.7, A1/C, 1st Floor, B.D.A. Colony, Austin Town Layout, Viveknagar Post, Bengaluru-560 047 in C.Mis. No. 2882/2021 and accordingly obtain death certificate from the respondent. If any person interested to file their objection in this matter, may appear at 11.00 am on 17-09-2021 to which date the case is posted for hearing, before the Hon'ble XXXVI, Bengaluru from the date of issuance of this notice.

S.Kalavathi, Advocate, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Smt. D. R. Meera Bai W/o D. N. Ravi Shankar, aged about 52 years, residing at No.41, Upstairs Mountain Road, Jayanagar, Bangalore- 560 011 and Smt. K. Vanajakshi, W/o. Mr. K. Kuppuswamy Chetty, aged about 84 years, residing at No.4-110, Bazaar Street, Puttur- 517 583, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh, are the joint owners of the schedule property. They have lost original Sale Deed dated 12.09.2001 executed by BDA in favour of S. Balaji Rama Rao the same has been registered as Document No.9138/2001-02, of Book I, Volume 340, at pages 215- 219, dated 28.09.2001 registered at the office of the Additional District Registrar, Bangalore Urban District. Sale Deed dated 03.10.2003 executed by S. Balaji Rama Rao and his children in favour of D. R. Meera Bai and the same has been registered as Document No.3501/2003-04, of Book I, CD No.25, registered at the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore. Gift deed dated 14.03.2011 executed by D. R. Meera Bai in favour of K. N. Shanta Kumari and the same has been registered as document No.1902/2010-11 of Book I, Stored in CD No.BTMD19, dated 14.03.2011, at the office of the Sub Registrar, BTM Layout, Bangalore. Gift deed dated 13.02.2012 executed by K. N. Shanta Kumari in favour of K. Vanajakshi and the same has been registered as document No.2610/2011-12 of Book I, Stored in CD No.JAYD138, dated 13.02.2012, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore, along with connected papers with respect to the schedule property. My clients have joint Khatha with respect to the schedule property. My clients have not handed over the above said documents nor transacted with respect to the Schedule Property with anybody. If anybody found the above documents may kindly handover the same to the under signed and they will be suitably rewarded.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Corporation No.18, situated at BTM Layout, Madivala I Stage, Bangalore in Corporation Ward No.65, having BBMP PID No.65/049-18, measuring East to West 22.25 Meters and North to South 12.19 Meters in all measuring 271.23 Square meters and bounded on:

East by : Site bearing Nos.28 & 29,
West by : Road,
North by : Site bearing No.19,
South by : Site No.17.

G. NARAYANA HEBBAR, ADVOCATE
No.38/15, Ground Floor,
West Anjaneya Temple Street,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.
Mob: 9886476125, 8073573477
Bangalore Date:06.08.2021

SSI BRANCH, PEENYA IND EST
348, Sammrudhi, 8 th Cross,1 st Stage
PEENYA INDUSTRIAL AREA,BANGALORE -560 058
Ph -22958849 Email-ssipeenya@indianbank.co.in

APPENDIX - IV (Rule-8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

To1. **MRS BHARATHI CHANDRASHEKAR** W/O E.K.CHANDRASHEKAR,NO.58, GROUND FLOOR, CASA,FLECIZ,DODDANEKKUNDI,LRDE LAYOUT,KARTHIKNAGAR,MARTHAHALLI BENGALURU-560037. **2. MR E.K.CHANDRASHEKAR** S/O D.KOTHANDA NAIDU,NO.58, GROUND FLOOR,CASA FLECIZ, LRDE LAYOUT,KARTHIKNAGAR, DODDANEKKUNDI, MARTHAHALLI,BENGALURU-560037.

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Your Plot Loans A/cNo. 6572828451 and A/c No. 6572849947with Indian Bank SSI Peenya Branch - Reg.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Indian Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **03/04/2021** calling upon the borrower **Mrs Bharathi Chandrashekar (applicant) and Mr. E K Chandrashekar (co-applicant)** (No.58, Ground floor, CASA FLECIZ, LRDE Layout, Karthiknagar, Doddaneundi, Marthahalli, Bengaluru-560037) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **1. Rs.46,89,035.25 /-**(Rupees Forty Six lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Thirty Five and Twenty Five Paisa only) in respect of Plot loan A/c No. 6572828451 and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 04.04.2021 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. **2. Rs.47,05,121.03 /-**(Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Five Thousand One Hundred Twenty One and three paisa only) in respect of Plot Loan A/c No. 6572849947 and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 04.04.2021 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this 09 th August of the 2021.We draw attention to the provisions of section 13(8) of the SARFAESI act and the rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **1. In respect of Plot loan A/c No. 6572828451 : Rs. 46,89,035.25.00** (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Thirty Five and Twenty Five Paisa Only) as on 27/02/2020 together with future interest and costs thereon from 28/02/2020 **2. In respect of Plot loan A/c No. 6572849947: Rs. 47,05,121.03** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Five Thousand One Hundred Twenty One and three paisa only) as on 08/08/2021 together with future interest and costs thereon from 13/08/2021.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

1. Plot Loan A/c No. 6572828451

Property belonging to Mrs E Bharathi Chandrasekar and Mr Chandrasekar

All that piece and parcel of residential vacant Site No. 69 HAL Sanitary Board Khatha No 426/1A, presently BBMP NO.83/1, Doddanekkundi Village, K.R.Puram Hobli Bangalore -560045. Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to south 30 feet totally site area is 1200 sqft.Bounded On:East by:Site No. 62,West by:25 Feet Road,North by:Site No. 70,South by:Site No. 68.

2. Plot Loan A/c No. 6572849947

Property belonging to Mrs E Bharathi Chandrasekar and Mr E.K. Chandrasekar

All that piece and parcel of residential vacant Site No 67 HAL Sanitary Board Khatha No 426/1A, Doddanekkundi Village, K RPuram Hobli Bangalore -560045. Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to south 30 feet totally site area is 1200 sqft . Bounded On :East by:Site No 64,West by:25 Feet Road,North by:Property Site NO. 68 in Katha no.426/1-A,South by:Site No 66.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Date: 13/08/2021 **Indian Bank (7981043275)**

SSI BRANCH, PEENYA IND EST
348, Sammrudhi, 8 th Cross,1 st Stage
PEENYA INDUSTRIAL AREA,BANGALORE -560 058
Ph -22958849 Email-ssipeenya@indianbank.co.in

APPENDIX - IV (Rule-8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

To,**1.Mr V Govindarajulu**,No 22/1,18 th Cross,4 th Block,Peenya 1 st Stage,Bangalore-560058
2.Mr K H Balachandra S/o HanumanthaRayappa,No 5/7,Amoga Nilaya,SRS 2 nd Cross, Peenya,Bangalore-560058

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Your Home Loans A/c No. 700742628 with Indian Bank SSI Peenya Branch - Reg.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Indian Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **06/04/2021** calling upon the borrower **Mr V Govindarajulu (applicant) and Mrs.K H Balachandra (guarantor)** (No 22/1,18th Cross,4 th Block, Peenya 1 st Stage, Bangalore-560058) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **1. Rs.1,93,825 /-**(Rupees One Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five only) in respect of Home loan A/c No. 700742628 and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 06.04.2021 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **09 th August of the 2021.**

We draw attention to the provisions of section 13(8) of the SARFAESI act and the rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of 1. In respect of Home loan **A/c No. 700742628 : Rs.1,93,825** /-(Rupees One Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five only) as on 08/08/2021 together with future interest and costs thereon from 09/08/2021

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Home Loan A/c No. 700742628

Property belonging to Mr V Govindarajulu

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No 540,Old Khatha No 394,Present BMP Khatha No3,BMP Ward No 1,14th Cross(Harijana Colony),Peenya, Bangalore, with extent of land 440 Sq.Ft measuring East to West 22 Feet and North to south 20 feet totally measuring 440 sqft ., with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: Bounded On :East by:Road,West by:Remaining Portion of the property bearing same Sy.No,North by :Government Well,South by:Property of Sri Dandappa.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Date: 13/08/2021 **Indian Bank (7981043275)**

SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE

DEMAND NOTICE

SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Office No.123, Angappa Naicken Street, Chennai-600 001.
Head Office: Level 3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, Bandra kurla complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051. **Website: www.shriramhousing.in**

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LTD. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses and hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower (S) Co-Borrower(S)	Outstanding Amount	Loan No. and Loan Amount	Property Address of Secured Assets
Mr. Mohan V G And Mrs. Swathi B R R/at. No. 38/2, 2nd Floor, 80 Feet Road, Mangammanapalya, Bommanahalli, Bangalore– 560 068 Also at: Vignasante At Post, Nonavinakere Hobli, Tiptur Taluk, Tiptur – 572224 Also at: Site No. 60, Sy. No. 62/8, 62/15 & 62/16, HMR Garden City, Manuganahalli Village, Bilikere Hobli, Hunsur Taluk, Mysore– 571 103 Also at: Basalapura Village, Kampalapura Post, Ravandur Hobli, Periyapatna Taluk, Mysore – 571107 **NPA DATE** - May 08, 2021 **DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE -** July 20, 2021	Rs. 8,51,479/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty One Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Nine Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHMSOR0000471 as on 12.05.2021	Loan No. SHLHMSOR0000471 Loan Amount: Rs. 7,46,638/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Forty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Eight Only)	All that piece and parcel of Residential Site No. 60, and 152200200705120558, measuring East to West (13.77+12.37)/2 meters and North to South 12.28 meters (carved out in the converted lands bearing Sy. No. 62/8 measuring 1 acre 22 guntas, Sy. No. 62/15 measuring 1 acre 11 guntas and Sy. No 62/16 measuring 1 acre 11 guntas, totally measuring 4 acres 4 guntas situated at Manuganahalli Village, Bilikere Hobli, Hunasuru Taluk, Mysore District and bounded on: East: 09 meters Road. West: Site No. 61. North: 9 meters Road. South: Site No. 63.
Mrs. Channamma, Mr. Manjunatha C H, Mr. Somashekar, Mrs. Asha Lakshmappa, And Mrs. Nagaveni D G R/at. New No. 808, Old No. 1044, Hanumanthappa Building, Keerthi Layout, Near Raghavendra Upahara, Chandapura, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore– 560 099 Also working at: Mr. Manjunatha C H, Nehal Trading, Working As Supervisor, No. 45/14, P F Office Road, 6th Main, Singasandra, Begur Hobli, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore– 560 068 Also At: Mr. Somashekar Proprietor, M/S. Maruthi Enterprises, No. 339, Venkataramana Building, Anekal Main Road, Venkateshaiah Layout, Bangalore– 560 099 **NPA DATE** - July 06, 2021 **DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE -** July 20, 2021	Rs. 14,50,997/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Seven Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SLPHBGLR0000645 as on 15.07.2021	Loan No. SLPHBGLR0000645 Loan Amount: Rs. 13,22,036/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Twenty Two Thousand and Thirty Six Only)	All that piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing Site No. 808, (Old No. 1044), Janjar No. 930, Form-09, measuring East to West 40 Ft, North to South 30 Ft, total measuring 1200 Sq. Ft, Situated at Chandapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East: Site No. 1037. West: Road. North:Site No. 1045 South:Site No. 1043.
Mr. A S Girisha,And Mr. Srirama Reddy, R/at. No. 53/1, 24th Main, 2nd Stage, Hsr Layout, Bangalore – 560 102 Also At: No. 9, Avalakuppa, Srinivasapura, Kolar – 563 135 Also At: A S Girisha Fruits & Vegetables, 1312, 24th Main, 2nd Stage, HSR Layout, Bangalore– 560 102 Also At: Site No. 7, Katha No. 71/4, Property No. 71/4/7, Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore– 560 102 **NPA DATE** - July 06, 2021 **DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE -** July 19, 2021	Rs. 19,67,930/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHBGLR0000099 as on 12.07.2021	Loan No. SHLHBGLR0000099 Loan Amount: Rs. 20,52,326/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Six Only)	All that piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing Site No. 7, Khatha No. 71/4, Property No. 71/4/7, Situated at Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now comes under the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West towards northern side 39.05 ft, East to West towards Southern side 34 ft, North to South towards eastern side 21.05 ft., North to South towards western side 16.05 ft, totally 698.25 Sq. feet and consisting of four floor house thereon and bounded on: East: Raja Kaluve. West: Site No. 06/A & B. North: Common Passage and Remaining Northern portion of the same site no. 07. South:Private Property.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Place: BANGALORE
Date : 19/08/2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Shriram Housing Finance Limited

SBFC Finance Private Limited
(erstwhile Small Business Fincredit India Private Limited)
Registered Office:- Unit No. 103, First Floor, C&B Square, Sangam Complex, Village Chakala, Andheri- Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400059.

POSSESSION NOTICE (As per Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SBFC Finance Private Limited under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued Demand Notices upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/Co-borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates.

The Borrower/Co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of SBFC Finance Private Limited.

Name and Address of Borrowers & Date of Demand Notice	Description of Property(ies) & Date of Possession	Amount demanded in Possession Notice (Rs.)
1.Manjunatha G., 733/E, Puttenahalli, J P Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560078, **2. Mrs. Vanitha, 3. Govindaraju V.,** No. 2 and 3 are residing at 120/B, New No.733/E, Puttenahalli, J P Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560078 **Demand Notice Date: 8-Apr-2021**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Katha No 3/3/03, Old House list No.2, Old Gramtana No 3, measuring East to West 16 feet and North to South 60 feet, situated at Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprised of ground and Two upper floors building and bounded on: East by : Property belongs to Mr. Venkatappa; West by : 4 feet common passage and Property belongs to Mr. Yerrappa; North by: Road and, South by: Private Property. **Date of Possession: 17-August-2021**	Rs. 47,92,139/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty Nine Only) as on 8th April 2021
1. Veena, 2. Uday Kumar, Both are residing at No. 232, Arakere, Opp. Mariyamma Temple, Arakere B G Road, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560076 Demand Notice Date: 8-Apr-2021	All the piece and parcel property bearing No. 532/4/3 admeasuring East to West 37 ft. and North to South 36+22/2 ft. in all admeasuring 1073 sq. ft., New Bommanahalli CMC Self Assessment Form No.III (Rule 20) Sl.No. 255, Situated at Arakere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, bounded as follows- North : Road, South: Chamundi Layout, East: Property belongs to Papareddy, West:Remaining portion of Property No. 532/4/3. **Date of Possession: 17-August-2021**	Rs. 25,58,819/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Nineteen Only) as on 8th April 2021
1. A Venkatswamy, 2. K R Gayathri, 3. Malini R, 4. V Naveen Kumar, All are having their address at No. 29/39, Kattalipalya, Koramangala, 6th Block, Bangalore- 560095 Demand Notice Date: 8-Apr-2021	All the piece and parcel property being Flat No. 105 on first floor formed in House list No.26/1 and 26/2 Known as building known as Kuteer Arcade having a super built up area of 2000 sq. ft. alongwith undivided share of 625 sq. ft. situated at Kathalipalya Village Begur Hobli, Bangalore in Ward No. 67, PID No. 67-51-84, Kathalipalya, 6th Block, Koramangala Bangalore, bounded as follows- North: Private Property , South : Road, East : Passage and Flat No. 103 &104, West : Private Property. **Date of Possession: 17-August-2021**	Rs. 27,38,058/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Fifty Eight Only) as on 8th April 2021

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer,**
Date: 19/08/2021 **SBFC Finance Private Limited**

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THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
DIVISIONAL OFFICE
No.6, 2nd Floor, Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore – 560 004

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Issued Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Substituted Demand Notice dated **10.06.2021** calling upon the borrower **(1) Mr. K.A.Sharath,** S/o Mr. K.V. Ashwath Narayana Residing at No.77, Venkateshwara Layout, Adarsha Nagar, Arasinakunte, Bangalore – 562 123; **(2) Mrs. Akshata Shivaraya Kachapur,** D/o. Mr. Shivaraya Kachapur, Residing at No.77, Venkateshwarara Layout, Adarsha Nagar, Arasinakunte, Bangalore–562 123 and **(3) Arun Shivaraya Kachapur,** S/o. Mr. Shivaraya Kachapur, Residing at 4070A, 6th Block, Magadi Main Road, Janapriya Township, Kadabagere, Bangalore – 562 130 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.3,07,98,655.56** (Rupees Three Crore Seven Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Five and paise Fifty Six only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **17th day of August of the year 2021;**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs.3,15,40,860.67** (Rupees Three Crore Fifteen Lakhs Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty and paisa Sixty Seven only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of Residential Unit bearing No. 180/9B also known as Unit B5 (presently bearing E Khata No. 180/9B, SL No. 150200102701020441) with basement, ground, first and second floor of "VAISHNAVI ANANTYA", being constructed on in terms of Sanction plan and ratified order vide LAO 91/11-12, dated 10.2.2012, duly sanctioned by Anekal Planning Authority, situated at S. MEDAHALLI village, Handenahalli Village Panchayath, Sarjapura hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring 5240.88 sq feet of super builtup area & 2387.91 sq feet of USD and bounded on the: EAST BY: Villa No. 180/6A, WEST BY: Passage, NORTH BY: Villa No. 180/10B, SOUTH BY: Villa No. 180/8B.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Date : 17.08.2021 **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

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APPENDIX - IV (Rule-8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

To,1) **MR B Krishna Reddy** ,CSR MARVEL APARTMENT FLAT NO :202 2ND FLOOR PROPERTY NO 24, SYNO 24- MLA LAYOUT KALENA,AGRAHARA VILLAGE ,BEGUR HOBLI, BANGALORE -560076. **2) MRS THULASI RANI T** CSR MARVEL APARTMENT,FLAT NO 202 2 ND FLOOR,PROPERTY NO 24,SY NO 24- MLA LAYOUT KALENA,AGRAHARA VILLAGE BEGUR HOBLI,BANGALORE -560076.

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Your Home Loans A/c No. 6577657284 with Indian Bank SSI Peenya Branch - Reg.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Indian Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **07/04/2021** calling upon the borrower **Mr B Krishna Reddy (applicant) and Mrs. Thulasi Rani T (co-applicant)** (CSR Marvel Apartment Flat No 202 2nd Floor Property No 24, Sy No 24- Mla Layout, Kalena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore -560076) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **1. Rs.33,22,767.74 /-**(Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven and Seventy Four Paisa only) in respect of Home loan A/c No. 6577657284 and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 07.04.2021 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **09 th August of the 2021.**

We draw attention to the provisions of section 13(8) of the SARFAESI act and the rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **1. In respect of Home loan A/c No. 6577657284 : Rs. 33,22,767.74** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven and Seventy Four Paisa only) as on 08/08/2021 together with future interest and costs thereon from 09/08/2021

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

1. Home Loan A/c No. 6577657284

Property No 1 belonging to MR BODI REDDY KRISHNA REDDY AND MRS THULASI RANI

Schedule 'A' PROPERTY:CSR MARVEL "Apartment Flat No 202 2 nd Floor , Property bearing site No 24 BBMP Khatha No 85/697/24, carved out of converted Sy no 24 MLA Layout Kalena Agrahara Village , Begur Hobli Bangalore -560076 measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet (total 2400Sq Feet) . Bounded On:East by:Road,West by:Site No 13,North by:Site No 23, South by :Site No 25Site No 25

Schedule 'B' Property:260 Sq. Feet of undivided right, title, interest and share in the schedule 'A' Property

Schedule 'C' Property:Flat bearing No 202 in second Floor of the Apartment Known as "CSR MARVEL"constructed On Schedule 'A' Property measuring 1130 Sq. Feet, Super built up area, containing Two Bedrooms, together with proportionate share in

The Telangana High Court has got a windfall. A record number of seven judicial officers have been elevated and recommended for posting as judges of the High Court. Interestingly, of the seven, a majority of four judges are women.

Shola forest faces threat after HUL cuts trees

Firm clears over four acres of dense canopy, mercury from factory drains contaminating streams

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @Chennai

CONSUMER goods giant Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) has cut down over 300 trees inside its now-defunct thermometer factory that lies adjacent to the Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary. The felling of trees now poses a serious threat of mercury contamination to the adjacent Pambar Shola forest. An on-site tree removal assessment, done based on Google Earth imagery and local eyewitnesses, reveals that HUL has clear-felled more than four acres of dense canopied and fully-grown trees. Tree cutting was reportedly carried out in January last year.

Trees felled in January last year | EXPRRSS

The area in question receives extreme rains and is prone to soil erosion. Earlier studies have showed, even with vegetation, the presence of significant concentrations of mercury in the sediment collected from the stream bed that receives water from the factory drains. These drains join the Pambar stream which feeds the Vaigai river.

A spokesperson from the company told Express that they had to remove the trees for remediation of 'mercury-contaminated' soil, and had obtained the necessary permissions from the Dindigul District Hill Area (Preservation of Trees) Committee and the District Forest Officer (DFO). However, such clear-felling of trees was not envisaged in the HUL's Soil Remediation Upscaling Plan, approved by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB).

The Upscaling Plan was prepared following the directions of a Scientific Experts Committee (SEC), appointed by the Supreme Court Monitoring Committee, and the HUL is mandated to carry out remediation according to the approved plan. Similarly, tree protection and soil conservation studies were conducted by the National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow, and the Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute, Udhagamandalam, for remediation.

Express is in possession of the approved remediation plan and the two studies, and none of them gives HUL the liberty to clear-fell the trees in the guise of soil remediation.

FARMERS WORRY

Odisha stares at drought, govt looks at contingency plans

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bhubaneswar

ODISHA stares at a possible drought-like situation as 23 out of 30 districts are, currently, experiencing deficient rainfall of more than 20 percent and moisture stress condition.

With the monsoon playing truant and low pressures in the Bay of Bengal, the last hope of the farmers to bring relief not triggering rains, kharif operation has come to a standstill in many parts of the State.

The average rainfall in July which was 21 percent less than the normal of 340 mm has further aggravated the situation in August. The State has received an average rainfall of 51 mm till August 14 as against the normal rainfall of 150 mm, the deficit being 66 percent.

"Transplanting and broadcasting of paddy in rain-deficit areas have been held up due to water scarcity. The crop condition is getting worse due to growth of weed. If the condition persists for a few more days, it would be difficult to save the crops," said a senior officer of the Agriculture and Farmer Welfare department.

With the State experiencing drought like situation due to deficient rainfall of over 65 percent in August, the State government on Tuesday directed the department to prepare a contingency plan for saving kharif crops from the wrath of the nature.

As Odisha reels under rainfall deficit, Kushabhadra river has become bone dry, in Bhubaneswar on Wednesday | BISWANATH SWAIN

A joint meeting of Agriculture Minister Arun Kumar Sahoo and Cooperation Minister Ranandra Pratap Swain reviewed crop situation of the state at high level meeting. They asked the Water Resources department to release water from reservoirs and the Lift Irrigation Corporation to operationalise all lift points in areas facing acute shortage of water for agricultural operations.

Field staffs of Agriculture, Cooperation and Water Resources departments were asked to conduct joint survey in districts.

NOBLE CAUSE

400 villagers sign up to donate organs

SAJIMON P S @Pathanamthitta

THENGAMAM, a village in Adoor taluk, is known chiefly for a variety of crops and dairy farming. Now, this village of farmers is all set to become a village of organ donors.

On August 13, a group of 55 youths from the village -- with the help of the district medical office and the Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), Pathanamthitta – kicked off a campaign to make Thengamam an organ donors' village. And within a short span of time, as many as 400 villagers have agreed to donate their organs. The programme is being executed by Friends Samskarika Vedi, an arts and sports club functioning in the village for the past 23 years.

The village has around 1,500 residents in over 500 families.

"We didn't have any idea about the kind of response we would get when we decided to start a campaign to enlist villagers, mainly between the ages of 18 and 55, as organ donors," said Anu C Thengamam, president of Friends Samskarika Vedi affiliated to NYK.

"Our villagers were unaware of the importance of organ donation. To our knowledge, nobody has donated organs here. But our initiative has received a good response. So far, 400 people have come forward," he said.

DMK framing me in Kodanadu case: EPS

PTI @ Chennai

LEADER of Opposition and top AIADMK leader K Palaniswami on Wednesday alleged that the DMK government is attempting to get him and a few of his party men framed in the Kodanadu estate murder and heist case of 2017.

While the AIADMK staged a dharna on the matter in the premises of Kalaivanar Arangam, where the Assembly proceedings are held, Chief Minister M K Stalin told the House that the probe is on in the case with court's permission and there is no "political interference or vendetta."

Earlier, when Palaniswami raised the issue in the assembly, his remarks were expunged by Speaker M Appavu. Holding placards denouncing "false cases," AIADMK members stood up in support of their leader and soon, all of them staged a walkout.

AIADMK allies, PMK and BJP besides the Puratchi Bharatham MLA, M Jagan Moorthy, elected on AIADMK's Two Leaves symbol, followed suit.

Speaking to reporters outside the assembly, Palaniswami said the police has got a statement from K V Sayan, one of the accused in the case. Thereby, he alleged that it was being attempted by the government to frame him and a few other party functionaries in that case.

"We strongly condemn this. The DMK government led by Stalin is trying to foist false cases on AIADMK leaders to intimidate and gain political mileage

but it will not happen," he said.

The accused persons in the case were given surety for bail by DMK men, he claimed and wondered the connection between them. Also, a DMK advocate appeared for them in court in that case, he said.

Lawyers belonging to DMK, who defended the accused in an Udhagamandalam court were appointed as prosecutors for that case following assumption of power by the DMK, he claimed.

"Those who argued for accused persons are coming as government advocates. So, the government side and accused persons have joined hands in the case," Palaniswami alleged. The DMK government, seeking re-investigation, approached the court but that prayer was not allowed, he said.

Accusing the DMK government for trying to file false cases and spread "slander" against former AIADMK ministers including him, Palaniswami said his party would however not be cowed down.

"If this is the situation a leader of opposition has to face, you should think how the government will protect common man," he said.

Covid effect: Now, you may need a token for temple visit in Karnataka

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

WITH a view to reduce crowding at temples amidst the pandemic, the State Government is planning to have a token system to regulate the number of devotees turning up for darshan. Endowment Minister Shashikala Jolle, during her maiden meeting at her office on Wednesday, instructed the department officials to consider such a system to ensure that Covid-19 pro tocols are followed.

As temples were shut during the lockdown, devotees have been thronging temples ever since restrictions were eased. The crowd is usually big at popular temples. In order to regulate this, the government is planning to allow a restricted number of devotees instead of closing them. The minister directed the officials to work out a module where a certain number of devotees can be allowed, maintaining all Covid-19 protocols. She also issued directions to conduct a district-wise survey of all temples and their properties to ascertain the extent of encroachment.

Shashikala told reporters that she has sought details of all A, B and C category temples in Karnataka and added that officials have been asked to take necessary action wherever encroachments are reported. Regarding basic amenities at pilgrim sites, the minister said hygiene will be top priority and the authorities concerned should focus on cleanliness. She also said temples should have provision for clean drinking water, toilets and other facilities for devotees.

She directed officials to draw up a list of places where there is scope for construction of Yatri Nivas lodging and boarding facilities for devotees. The department will also look into the availability of land at popular destinations outside Karnataka, like Pandharpur and Tuljapur in Maharashtra, Srisailam in Andhra Pradesh and other popular destinations in Kerala and Tamil Nadu where the Karnataka Government can construct Yathri Nivas facilities, she added.

CAPTURING MEMORIES

On August 19, the world comes together to celebrate the magic of camera and photography. With mobile cameras becoming more and more popular by the day, photographs are now taken on the go, just like these women, who are clicking pictures of their friend on the beach in Kozhikode on Wednesday | TP SOORAJ

Helplines, call centres to aid students

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IN order to eliminate any hurdles and clarify doubts about the policy, the Higher Education Department will set up helplines and call centres and host dedicated FAQ websites for the students, the minister said. He encouraged funding by private players in higher education institutes as a means to "channelise resources available to strengthen the education system".

He said the NEP was started in 270 polytechnic colleges across Karnataka in the previous academic year itself on a trial basis. "The kind of spending we are doing on educational institutes is peanuts. Two-thirds of the revenue should come from the public, alumni and industries to strengthen the institutes, or there is no way forward," he cautioned. A strong education system will help solve societal problems and also the economy to grow, he felt.

The perception towards private institutes of higher education needs to change from money-fleecing organisations to institutes that can transform students, and thereby the country, towards a better future, he said while speaking at a seminar on 'Implementation of NEP-2020: A Roadmap'.

Teacher gets award for microscale experiments, taking up recycling

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @ Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT high school teacher **Nagaraja CM**, from Doddabanahalli, Bengaluru, has been selected for the National Awards for Teachers (NAT) for bringing the 'reuse and recycle' trend to his school, and ensuring the continuity of lab experiments for students through the pandemic.

The awards are given by the Ministry of Education. Nagaraja is among 44 teachers across the country to get the award.

Nagaraja taught chemistry experiments to students through microscale experiments, even outside the laboratory, using day-to-day items. He used the same model during Vidyagama classes during the pandemic to ensure continuity of lab experiments for his students.

When classes went online, he took his teaching to a larger audience on YouTube and platforms set up by Rotary and SRF Foundation, he told TNIE. On these platforms, he and a team of 30 teachers taught SSLC students who were looking at result improvement.

Nagaraja said he tried to take the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) initiative promoted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) to various schools and trained teachers in the district.

Nagaraja also introduced, through craft classes, a practical approach to recycling or upcycling. For instance, making a podium from scrap metal of discarded benches, or using empty milk packets as bags for growing saplings. Students have been taught to 'reduce-reuse-repurpose' waste. A vermicomposting bin was set up in the school and the manure was used in the school garden -- it was an exposure to students on what they can do, Nagaraja said.

He was also instrumental in ensuring funds from various organisations towards the establishment of a system for filtering and reusing waste water.

EXPRESS READ

UAE's 'golden visa' for Mohanlal, Mammooty

Kochi: Superstars Mammooty and Mohanlal have been selected for the UAE's Golden Visas. This is the first time that the UAE government is bestowing the coveted recognition on actors from the Malayalam film industry. Earlier, Bollywood stars Shah Rukh Khan and Sanjay Dutt were given this visa. Golden Visa, a long-term residence visa introduced by the UAE government in 2019, allows the actors to live and work in the Emirates without national sponsor for 10 years. ENS

'Haritha leaders could have approached us'

Kozhikode: Expressing her displeasure over the Haritha leaders' decision to approach IUML, and later move the state woman's commission, with a complaint against MSF leaders, Women's League national general secretary Noorbina Rasheed said complainants should have approached the party's women's wing first. "Haritha leaders could have shared their feelings with senior women League leaders. Why did they approach IUML leadership?" she said. ENS

ROAR TOGETHER

Facebook celebrates Onam with short film

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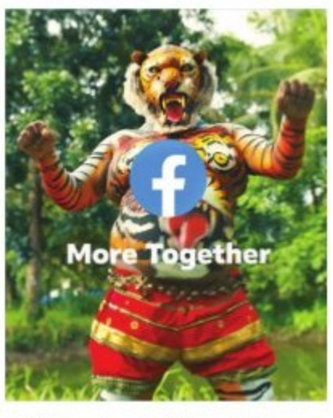
@ T'Puram

AS the pandemic struck Onam season last year, a few 'pulikali' artists enthralled the world by performing on the virtual platform. As many as 26 pulikali artists performed from their homes, and the group went live on Facebook. And this year, Facebook has come up with a short film that narrates this tale, honouring the spirit of Onam.

The film titled 'Roar Together' features members of Ayyanthole Desam Pulikkali Samghataka Samithi who performed live on Facebook. The whole effort was pioneered by Krishna Prasad, publicity convenor of the samithi. Facebook has now captured the story behind Krishna Prasad's efforts to bring the artists together and organise a virtual art performance during the time of the pandemic.



A still from the short film which has been released by Facebook | EXPRESS

As many as 65,000 people viewed the performance online, a feat that would not have been achieved if held offline, says Krishna Prasad.

"Last year, when the lockdown was imposed, all festivities were cancelled. The artists were upset. That's when it occurred to me: If classes can be held online, why can't we take our art also online? Almost everyone in Kerala owns a smartphone and everyone has a Facebook account. So we knew that Facebook was the best platform to communicate," says Krishna.

A two-week-long preparation went into it, whereby all artists were introduced to the virtual platform and after many online rehearsals, they went live on Facebook on September 3 last year. The tale has been captured in the short of eight minutes and 48-seconds duration. "With this, we could take the artform to a larger crowd. If the performance was held offline, as usual, probably around 5,000 people would have watched it. But having gone online through Facebook, a lot of people watched our performance," says Krishna.

This year too, the pulikali performers are going live with their performance on the Facebook page of the samithi. The team will be performing at 3pm on August 24. This year, six selected pulikali artists will be performing.

Avinash Pant, director - marketing, Facebook India, said, "This film has captured the spirit and resilience of people and the numerous ways in which they have come together on the platform in not a normal time. This is an extraordinary story and we believe it deserves a wider canvas to showcase the power of online communities in a physically distant world."

EDITORIAL

"To achieve satisfactory investment results is easier than most people realise; to achieve superior results is harder than it looks"

Benjamin Graham

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— Ramnath Goenka

FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED GOVT NARRATIVE ON HIKE IN FUEL TAXES

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has ruled out any reduction in fuel taxes citing the burden of UPA-era oil bonds. But having been in power for seven straight years, blaming the mistakes of predecessors even for your troubles doesn't really cut the mustard. The Centre ruthlessly raised fuel taxes in the height of the pandemic last year, earning itself a handsome ₹3.9 lakh crore in excise duties. This is higher than the budgeted ₹3.61 lakh crore revenue. Just a slice of these rich pickings covers both principal and interest on the ₹1.3 lakh crore outstanding oil bonds. When taxpayers chipped in with precious money, helping the government tide over its misery of the past fiscal, Sitharaman's rationale to not lower taxes is unsettling.

Agreed, government finances are stressed, but she would have gained credibility and taxpayers' sympathy for her adamant stand just by being truthful. For one, her decision to clean up the balance sheet, accounting for all off-budget items this year, shot up the fiscal deficit, leaving little room for additional borrowings. It means the Centre has to literally scrape the bottom of direct and indirect taxation. Two, of the ₹3.9 lakh crore fuel tax revenue, over ₹2.5 lakh crore includes road and infrastructure cess, all of which will be used to build highways and others. This much-needed capital spending helps economic recovery and it's only reasonable that the government conveys the need for high taxes to citizens, who in any case are bearing the pain. There's no better way to overpower taxpayers' frustration and opposition criticism than speaking the absolute truth.

States are in a fiscal crisis of their own and the debate on whether the Centre or states should bite the bullet is getting nowhere. As it is, Central transfers to states are declining as the former has been raising revenue through cesses and surcharges that aren't part of the divisible pool. This must change. Moreover, because fuel prices are ad-valorem, any reduction by the Centre lowers the base price of fuel leading to lower VAT. Sitharaman should think it through.

ODISHA HEALTH PLAN A STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Sunday announced his government's landmark decision to cover 3.3 crore of the state's population under its flagship Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY). BSKY comes in two components. One, it allows every citizen to avail free treatment in all government healthcare institutions—from primary health centres to medical colleges and hospitals. Two, it enables a staggering 92.5 lakh beneficiary families to avail critical health coverage in over 183 private hospitals in Odisha and another 17 outside of it. To make it seamless, Naveen announced a smart chip-based card for cashless transactions. Male members can get coverage up to ₹5 lakh while women are entitled to double. Over 1.8 crore smart cards will be issued in the days to come. BSKY was first launched in 2015; the one unveiled on Independence Day is its renewed version and billed as a first of its kind in terms of ease of usage. Importantly, the declaration comes ahead of two critical polls the 21-year-old BJD government will face before the 2024 general elections. Hence, the decision to bring all National Food Security Act (NFSA) and State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) card-holders under ambit of the health-for-all scheme makes sense for the regional party.

In the past, BSKY as a blanket health assurance scheme has had its run-in with the Centre as Odisha is among a handful of states that has resisted the Modi government's ambitious Ayushman Bharat Yojana and instead focused on its own scheme. There will come, in days ahead, more such instances when politics takes centre-stage and issues over beneficiary selection will be questioned. But good governance can make politics look sensible and smart. Six years ago, Naveen rolled out BSKY to address the impact of out-of-pocket (OOP) expenditure on healthcare in poor and economically weaker sections. The Economic Survey 2020-21 too had flagged that India needs to slash its OOP from 65% to 35% of the overall health spending.

In a state like Odisha, the spending is in the 70% mark. Post-Covid, the expenditure is more than likely to balloon. A recent SBI Ecowrap report pointed out that health expenditure could jump by 11% in the family consumption budget. In such a scenario, Naveen's plan seems to be a step in the right direction.

Though even the US knew a Taliban takeover was inevitable, it had not expected it to happen so soon. The misjudgement about the Afghan army's capabilities was monumental

THE TALIBAN'S SECOND INNINGS IN AFGHANISTAN

PINAK RANJAN CHAKRAVARTY

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AMIT BANDRE

The Taliban's rapid advance and capture of Kabul will surely go down in history as an epic blitzkrieg, leaving the Biden Administration confronting the humiliating comparison with Americans fleeing from Saigon. Lacking the firepower of heavy weaponry like tanks, big artillery and an air force, the Taliban has shown staying power, sending another superpower fleeing from their country. The blame game in Washington is in full flow. President Biden and Secretary of State Blinken are busy fending off a tsunami of criticism. Many Americans are blaming Biden for ignoring advice of military leaders and intelligence agencies but he defiantly stuck to his decision to quit Afghanistan. Building nations is not the job of America, said Biden. The lessons of Iraq and Afghanistan have finally driven this home. This was an astonishing victory for the Taliban, who were themselves surprised at the speed of their advance.

Both Presidents Trump and Biden had compelling domestic political reasons to end what has been called the longest war in American history. Having spent around $2 trillion and sacrificed several thousand American lives, war fatigue had coalesced into widespread public opposition. Biden has blamed President Ghani's government and the military for lacking the will to fight. The deal worked out in Doha, however, tilted the balance in favour of the Taliban and severely undermined Ghani's government. The Taliban had agreed not to attack American and other foreign forces but they intensified their attacks on Afghan army units and police.

The Americans knew that a Taliban takeover was inevitable and were only interested in buying time and putting a reasonable gap between their departure and the Taliban takeover to avoid being blamed for whatever happened after their departure. Setting dates for withdrawal gave the Taliban a powerful advantage. This also incentivised its decision to dump agreements when convenient. The media clips showing the chaotic evacuation from Kabul airport and the induction of additional American troops clearly highlights the failure of the planned withdrawal.

The American expectation that the Afghan army would be able to hold off the Taliban long enough for a smooth withdrawal came to naught. The misjudgement about the capabilities of the Afghan army have turned out to be monumental. The Taliban strategy of surrounding Kabul from all sides had left the Afghan government with no option but to capitulate. In several instances, Afghan army units simply surrendered without a fight and handed over their vehicles and weapons to Taliban fighters, though some units of the special forces fought hard. Other factors that tilted the balance in favour of the Taliban were endemic corruption in the Afghan elite, the drawdown of American forces along with personnel, sanctuary, material and ideological support in Pakistan.

American military training for the Afghan army was clearly unsuited for the asymmetrical war. The Taliban succeeded in the age-old Afghan style using bribery, persuasion, tribal connections and making local deals. There was no widespread bloodshed. Afghan warlords like the Hazara leader Ismail Khan and others, who were members of the Northern Alliance, worked out deals with the Taliban to secure their future. They sent messages to Ghani to quit to avoid bloodshed, a claim Ghani has made, justifying his flight from Kabul. Dostum, the Uzbek warlord, took refuge in Uzbekistan. The Taliban has announced the establishment of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, a co-founder and deputy of the Taliban leader Mullah Omar, will take over the leadership of the government. Baradar was arrested in Pakistan in 2010 and was imprisoned till 2018. Ironically, the USA got him released and he went to Doha to head the Taliban's political office.

The Taliban is relying heavily on public messaging in an attempt to soothe all, including India. They have publicly declared that they consider Jammu and Kashmir India's internal matter and they will not allow Afghan soil for any terrorist activity anywhere. These public pronouncements are no indicators of any intrinsic change of their extreme Islamic philosophy but aimed at achieving international acceptance. In rural Afghanistan, which remains outside media focus, Taliban cadres have gone on a revenge killing spree, imposed strict Sharia practices and banned girls from going to school. In Kabul, female news anchors on TV have been replaced by Taliban anchors. The rollback on the promises has begun as expected. The Taliban leopard is unlikely to change its spots.

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It is no secret that countries with adversarial relations with the US, like China, Iran, Russia and Pakistan, wanted the Americans out of their backyard. This new axis of power has kept their Embassies in Kabul open. These countries may recognise the Taliban regime. The Central Asian states like Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, which share borders with Afghanistan, are likely to follow the Russian lead. These nations have Islamist insurgencies that may draw inspiration from the Taliban takeover. China has been wooing the Taliban for several years to ensure that they do not support the Uighur militants in Xinjiang. China would be keen to exploit the mineral riches of Afghanistan and integrate it into the CPEC. Pakistan is unable to contain its glee at the Taliban's success and PM Imran Khan has burst out saying that Afghanistan has finally broken off the shackles of slavery. He has also appealed for international aid for Afghanistan.

American money, which was hitherto funding the economy, will now be cut off and it would be difficult for the Taliban government to function. The Taliban's major source of funds was based on opium. The drain of skilled Afghans will make it difficult to run a modern government.

For India, the takeover by the Taliban is a setback and the immediate task is clearly the safe evacuation of all Indians stranded there. The medium- and long-term challenge will be to ensure that the Afghan-China-Pakistan axis does not revive their jugalbandi on terrorism. Pakistan's terrorist organisations and international terror groups like the ISIS, Al Qaida, IS-Khorasan and others are overjoyed and expecting full support from the Taliban government. The overarching strategic impact of the new great game will be a rise in terrorism, which also worries other neighbouring countries. Pakistan has for long helped the Taliban and will now demand payback, which is likely to be directed against India. Will the Taliban now bow to every demand made by Pakistan? India will be watching very closely.

There is one residual challenge for the Taliban emanating from First Vice-President Amrullah Saleh who has announced that as per the Constitution, he has taken over as the new President. He and Ahmed Masoud, son of Ahmad Shah Masoud, have announced that they will fight the Taliban and appealed for Afghans to join the fight. There are many anti-Taliban Afghans who may join the guerrilla resistance movement from Panjshir, the northern province still beyond the control of the Taliban. Can they mount a credible challenge? Only time will tell.

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FLIP SIDE OF PE INVESTMENTS IN INDIAN HEALTHCARE

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Indian healthcare boasts of being an attractive destination for Private Equity investments in recent decades. The focus of such investments has been largely on hospitals, although medical devices, manufacturing, etc., are also sought after. Investment momentum has been robust for many leading Indian hospitals. However, there are concerns about whether the benefits of PE investments will extend beyond the founders to all the stakeholders, including patients, doctors, and other hospital staff.

Generally, the need for PE investments arises due to the hospitals being cash-starved. PE firms add value through their networks and strategic partnerships, industry knowledge, and managerial expertise, which may enhance the performance of the investee hospital on key metrics. From the foreign PE investor's perspective, the motives include expanding footprint in India and profit maximisation. PE firms typically invest in Indian hospitals with a view to grow rapidly within a short period, hoping to realise quick returns on their investments and, in the process, also grow the investee hospital.

The flip side: The success or failure of such PE investments has a definitive bearing on healthcare provided by the hospital. The notion of healthcare as a social and welfare enterprise vis-a-vis the concept of healthcare as a profit-maximising business presents a stark dichotomy resulting in a paradox inherent in such PE investments. Most hospitals seek to grow rapidly, given enormous opportunities for healthcare in India. They would also like to enhance patient-centricity while striving to be financially sustainable. In this context, while PE firms seek to maximise returns on investment, they should also focus on the impact of their services on various stakeholders in healthcare.

After inducting a PE investor, the two organisations typically craft new growth strategies. The investee hospital is under pressure from the PE investor to enhance its performance. Often, these well-crafted strategies falter during execution. While there are many examples of such faltering investments, two recent large acquisitions come to mind: the PE investment in Fortis Hospitals by Malaysia's IHH Healthcare Berhad group and the acquisition of Max Healthcare by the global investment firm KKR-backed Radiant Life Care. However, these investments did not yield the intended results due to poor strategy execution post the investment.

Various management and cultural issues assume importance when a hospital goes through a PE investment, especially if a foreign-based PE firm acquires it. It could often result in a total change in the top management as well as a revolutionary change in the hospital's culture. This causes considerable attrition of highly skilled doctors and employees. Due to the inability to manage the post-investment complexity, there have been cases where the PE firms decide on an early exit, plunging the organisation and the key stakeholders into confusion.

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The difference in cultures of the investor and investee investor firms could turn out to be vexing to resolve. Post-acquisition, the acquired hospital's intended mission and purpose often undergo significant change, some of which are perceived by the rank and file as being top-down and unwelcome, often accompanied by the perception of less empowerment and decision-making leeway by doctors and staff. PE investments sometimes lead to the lateral induction of senior staff, who may lack knowledge about the ground realities relating to the hospital and even the country, if such staff are expatriates. Often, the new system that supplants the existing one lacks transparency. Decision-making could become more centralised. The organisation witnesses change for the worse on multiple dimensions, including a sense of belonging, empowerment, etc., resulting in deterioration of doctor-patient interaction, culminating in patient dissatisfaction.

Several not-so-obvious issues arise when investments change hands rapidly, sometimes to undesirable destinations including to countries inimical to India. The frequent lack of due diligence about the investor, the shroud of opaqueness about their operations, and inadequate regulatory scrutiny together pose formidable challenges for these PE investments in the future.

PE investments provide security and avenues for the growth of many healthcare organisations in the country. However, a prerequisite for this goal is the alignment on multiple dimensions, including culture, between the investor and investee organisations. To encourage more PE investments, the two organisations must have deep expertise in realising the intended synergies, thereby transforming the deal into an amicable strategic partnership. It is vital to provide substantial operational and management freedom and flexibility to the investee firm after the investment. Optimum utilisation of funds, improving the quality of clinical outcomes, accreditations, better strategy implementation and robust governance would strengthen the partnership. Finally, policymakers should pay utmost attention to foreign PE investments into Indian healthcare to ensure that the health of the Indian healthcare system is enhanced and unintended consequences such as change of ownership into the wrong hands is avoided.

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Af plunged into chaos

It is disheartening to know that the President of Afghanistan, Ashraf Ghani, fled the country when the Taliban attacked, leaving his countrymen in utter shambles. Despite having sophisticated weapons and military training from the US, the Afghan army was not able to challenge the Taliban and surrendered without fighting. With America's exit from Afghanistan, the country has been plunged into chaos. But the nation's government should understand by now that the hand-holding by the US cannot go on forever.
Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

No confidence in promises

The Taliban, an outfit known for terrorism, is desperate to capture the government and is waiting to oust the vice president, who claims to be the legal successor and is not willing to surrender to the Taliban. Whatever assurances given by the group's leaders to the women and other citizens in Afghanistan has not instilled a sense of confidence in the people.
S Sundara Pandian, Bengaluru

Strategic error

The withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan was a strategic error by the US. This might perhaps be the only instance when a 3.5 lakh-strong army surrendered in such a way. America seems to have failed to produce a sustainable army and police force in Afghanistan to oppose the Taliban.
P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Can't blame the US

Saying that America has let down the people of Afghanistan is untenable. The US has been a protector of Afghanistan for over two decades, spending billions of dollars to equip them. How long can the Afghan forces piggyback on the American army? It looks like corruption was the main reason for the Afghan army to meekly surrender without resisting the advancing Taliban forces. It is the timidity of the nation's forces that needs to be blamed, not the US.
S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

GOP's eroding popularity

This is with reference to *False Congress equivalence with the BJP of 1984* (Aug 18). The editorial rightly pointed out the unending reign of ad-hocism in the Congress, eroding its popularity as a national party day by day. Neither Rahul Gandhi nor Priyanka hold promise as a charismatic alternative to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Seeking greener pastures?

What Sushmita Dev said about the end of her three-decade-long association with the Congress is clearly political hypocrisy. Saying she had no reason to complain against the party and its leaders was a tacit admission of her seeking greener pastures. This situation reminds one of celebrities who divorced their spouse due to incompatibility and ironically continued to assert that they remained thick friends.
A Raveendranath, Aranmula

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Modi Govt pushed North East into chaos and breakdown of Constitutional machinery. PM guilty of compromise of internal security and territorial integrity

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US led NATO puppet Afghan State, drenched in corruption & without any people's support, has collapsed. India must see that Afghans live in peace

NHRC MEETING

'Slow reform in criminal justice system worrisome'

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@New Delhi

THE first meeting of the core advisory group on criminal justice system of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Wednesday expressed "serious concerns over the slow pace of reforms in criminal justice system to ensure speedy justice."

Experts in criminal justice system, which held its first meeting on Wednesday, said that the delay in disposal of cases was leading to human rights violations of undertrials and convicts, the NHRC said in a statement.

The chairperson of Commission, Justice (retd) AK Mishra said not only were trials getting delayed, but court orders convicting a person also took years to implement. He said digitisation of documents would help in speeding up trials.

Despite the Supreme Court's directions on police reforms, there had been hardly any change on the ground, NHRC member Justice (retd) MM Kumar, who chaired the meeting, said. He added special laws and fast-track courts could replace certain offences under the IPC in order to reduce the piling up of cases.

The Secretary General of NHRC, Bimbadhar Pradhan, said as per an estimate, there are about 4.4 crore pending cases across the Supreme Court, high courts and district courts. "Since March 2020, about 70 lakh more have been added to the pending cases. In the criminal justice system, focus also needs to be on the victim's rights and smart policing," he said, as per an NHRC statement.

Awareness on law among police personnel, study into the rate of conviction of police officials and their non-compliance of law, increasing the number of police personnel, introduction of social workers and psychologists in criminal justice system were some of the recommendations made.

Taliban's moderate face aimed at legitimacy: Experts

Assurance to grant amnesty to government officials and seemingly softening stance cannot conceal history of human rights violations

A Taliban fighter walks past a beauty salon with images of women defaced using spray paint in Kabul on Wednesday | AFP

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

EVER since the Taliban seized power in Afghanistan, the widespread feeling was it would impose strict Sharia law.

However, in a surprising turn of events, the Taliban has seemingly presented a moderate face. Their spokesperson was seen interacting with a woman journalist on live TV and they also announced general amnesty for government officials.

Experts are still divided over this so called new avatar of the Taliban. While a few say the change is genuine and a bid for legitimacy, others say the group's association with extremism and human rights violations cannot be ignored.

"The Taliban's commitment to extremist frameworks is well known. The scale of human rights violations in the run-up to the takeover of Kabul cannot be brushed under the carpet based on a few statements. Therefore, the talk of Taliban softening stand is premature," said Sanjay Pulipaka, senior fellow at Delhi Policy Group.

Russia-based analyst Andrew Korybko, however, had a different take. He said the gradual change in the group's functioning was not taken seriously. "But its latest press conference shows it is at least very serious about signalling its intent to change. The optics certainly help to build the case for its legitimacy as Afghanistan's de facto rulers, but there's also a pragmatic dimension to it. The group knows it can't sustain its rule if it doesn't change its style. Its prior history of leadership over 90 per cent of Afghanistan for half a decade taught it some valuable lessons in this respect," he said.

A researcher at Jawaharlal Nehru University, who did not wish to be named, pointed out the Taliban is wary of social media because any atrocity it commits would be out in the open through these platforms. "Hence, they are careful about what they are doing or at least about what they are portraying to the world, especially at a time when their legitimacy is at stake. It is very plausible that the Taliban could go back to its old ways once it is recognised by powerful nations," said the researcher.

Korybko is of the opinion that the militant group is also showing a new avatar in a bid to integrate Afghanistan into the region. "To this end, the Taliban must present themselves as respectable and responsible leaders in order to not scare away regional partners like Russia, China and Iran. It must convince them it will respect minorities' and women's rights and will not do anything that could potentially threaten their trade and investments through and within Afghanistan," he added.

'Govt has to tell people there's evacuation plan'

C P BALASUBRAMANYAM
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KANIKA Gupta was reporting from Kabul when the Taliban took over on August 15. An independent journalist who writes human stories from conflict zones, Kanika was airlifted in a special aircraft by the Indian government on Tuesday. In a telephonic interview, she tells *TNIE* about Kabul's fall, the commotion, evacuation and the distraught Afghans.

When did you think Kabul's fall was imminent?

Sunday morning, we heard that Jalalabad, capital of Nangarhar province, has fallen. It is not very far from Kabul. We kept getting updates. After a couple of hours, we heard the Taliban were within the city limits. When they reached places like Paghman, we knew they were basically inside the city. The news was declared on radio, triggering commotion. People started running in panic. It only took an hour or so for President Ghani to step down.

How did you all prepare?

I was scared. The Indian community I was in touch with were relatively calmer, based on assurances from the Taliban that none would be hurt. We were in touch with each other. I was trying to get in touch with the Embassy, but they were inundated with phone calls. They did not have an idea what to do and instructed us to stay put. At that point, officials did not have an evacuation plan. We were basically banding together as a community and figuring out what is the best to avoid panicking. As journalists, we put a lot of pressure on the Indian government to put us on an evacuation flight.

How helpful were the Indian authorities?

Ever since the evacuation process began and till I was brought back to India, officials were helpful and careful. For that part, I will commend them. But, my beef with the government was, I had to pull a lot of strings to get us there. Without that our evacuation would not have been possible. As of now, there are 500 civilians stuck in Afghanistan. Many of their passports are with their employers. This is crisis upon crisis.

Are you getting SOS requests?

I am flooded with calls. People are asking to somehow make the help reach them. I am asking for details and telling them I will do what I can. As a civilian journalist, I am trying to help as much as I can. But, the government is not responsive, at least till I left. At least, they have to tell people a plan is in place. This will give them confidence. Till the time I left, there was radio silence from the government, whose priority was to evacuate diplomats.

NHRC urged to protect refugees

New Delhi: Stating that the recently introduced 'e-Emergency X-Misc Visa' was inadequate to address the needs of Afghans fleeing to India — including MPs, senators and relatives of former Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani — the NGO Rights and Risks Analysis Group has appealed to the National Human Rights Commission to set up a division within to process the claims of Afghan refugees, who have fled to India following the Taliban takeover.

Officials fear drugs influx

Chandigarh: Central and state agencies suspect the supply of drugs from Afghanistan via Pakistan into Punjab will increase after the Taliban's takeover of the war-torn nation. A senior officer of the Special Task Force on Drugs said: "Supply of opiates especially heroin from Afghanistan will increase as this group makes money by selling the contraband. It will take a few months to take stock how much more drugs are coming in. But there will definitely be more supply."

Left wants govt action

New Delhi: The Left parties have said that India must work closely with major regional powers to ensure that Afghan people are able to live in a peaceful and stable environment. The Indian government should work towards safe evacuation of stranded Indian citizens, they said. In a joint statement, CPI(M) and CPI said: "Collapse of the Ashraf Ghani government and National Army shows the hollowness of the nature of the state set up by the US and it's NATO allies."

Booked for sedition over Taliban remark, SP MP denies charge

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

SAMBHAL police have registered a case on charges of sedition against local Samajwadi Party MP Shafiqur Rehman Barq for equating the Taliban with India's freedomfighters.

Confirming that a case was lodged, Sambhal's Superintendent of Police, Chakresh Mishra said he had received a complaint against the MP. "Such statements qualify as sedition. An FIR has been registered under Sections 124A (sedition), 153A, 295 of IPC. Two other persons — Faizan Chaudhary and Mohammad Mukeem — made similar statements in a Facebook video. They have also been booked," added the SP.

The complaint against the MP and other two was made by local BJP leader Rajesh Singhal, said police sources.

Barq denied making such statements. "My statement has been misinterpreted. I am a citizen of India and not of Afghanistan. I have no business with what is happening there. I support my government policies," said the MP.

However, defending the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan, Barq had earlier endorsed their action and equated it with India's struggle for freedom. He had said like India fought for freedom from British, Taliban also wanted to free their country. Calling it an internal matter of Afghanistan, the MP had claimed that Taliban was a force which did not allow strong countries like Russia and the US to set foot in Afghanistan.

Barq's remark had drawn sharp reactions from UP CM Yogi Adityanath. In the state legislative council, he said, "It means supporting barbaric acts. We are supporting people who are a blot on humanity."

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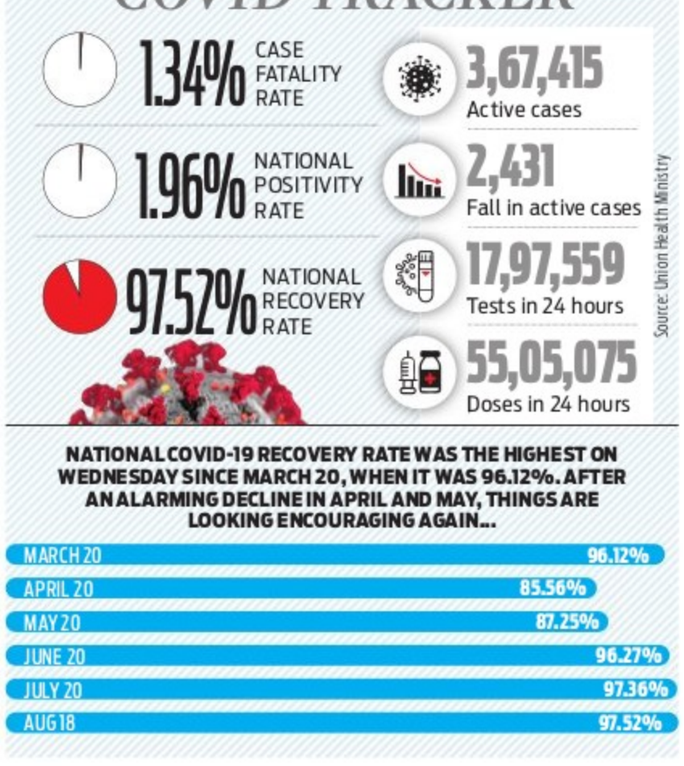

Other Oppn parties keen to capture space lost by Cong

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

AT a time Opposition parties are working to form an anti-BJP alliance at national level, regional players are posing formidable challenges to Congress and becoming more assertive in states where the party is losing ground.

While Rahul Gandhi is trying to pitch the party as a national alternative to BJP, regional players like TMC and NCP among others are looking to expand their feet in other territories and increase bargaining power during alliances.

Some in Congress feel that weakening of the top leadership and slow decision making has not only resulted in party cadre and leaders losing hope but made regional parties more optimistic. "Congress drew blank in recently held West Bengal elections performed poorly in Assam, and Kerala. During Bihar elections, RJD blamed Congress for failing to win seats to bring it to power despite the former emerging as the single largest party," said a senior party leader.

Majority of party cadre in Bengal has either shifted to TMC or BJP and similar is the case in Assam and other Northeast states and Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The party has failed to regain ground in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. It manages to either retain hold or emerge as principal Opposition in Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.

An Opposition leader said that while like-minded parties are looking to form an alliance to take on BJP, it does not stop them from expanding their reach in other states, even if it is at the cost of hurting prospects of the Congress.

"TMC was pitted against an alliance of Left and Congress in Bengal, Left and Congress were against each other in Kerala. In Maharashtra, all current alliance partners NCP, Shiv Sena and Congress contested as separate entities and same in Gujarat. Such examples are in several other states. A national alliance will have lots of give and take by all players," said the leader.

Cabinet nod for palm cultivation scheme

Cabinet decision on National Mission on Edible Oils will be a game-changer when it comes to helping oil palm farmers and creating Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The Northeast, Andaman & Nicobar will specially benefit

Narendra Modi, PM

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THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a new Centrally sponsored scheme to promote palm plantation which aims to cut down on the import of palm oil, with focus on Northeastern states and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who chaired the meeting, termed it a game-changer, saying it will give a boost to Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar told reporters during a briefing that the cultivation of palm in the country would be scaled up three times. He said there's an availability of 28 lakh hectares, almost one-third in the Northeast, which could be utilised for the palm oil programme. Tomar said no forest land will be diverted for this purpose.

Tomar also stated the government will be coming out with a Minimum Support Price (MSP) kind of a mechanism to give assurance to the farmers that their produces will be procured. He also stated the government will support the MSP mechanism by direct benefit transfer to the farmers the difference of the MSP and market price.

The scheme entails a financial outlay of ₹11,040 crore out of which ₹8,844 crore is the share of the Central government, with the sharing formula with North-eastern states being 90:10 and 60:40 for the rest of the country. The scheme will be called "National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)".

Tomar argued the government is promoting palm oil within the country because of the higher per hectare yield in comparison to other oil seeds, including mustard, groundnut and soybean.

The scheme aims to cover an additional area of 6.5 lakh hectares for oil palm till 2025-26 and reach the target of 10 lakh hectares later. The production of crude palm oil is expected to go substantially, up to 11.20 lakh tonnes by 2025-26 and 28 lakh tonnes by 2029-30.

Kigali Amendment to be ratified

The Cabinet in a meeting on Wednesday chaired by PM Narendra Modi gave its nod for ratifying the 'Kigali Amendment' to the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer for phasedown of Hydro-flurocarbons. The amendment was adopted by parties to the Montreal Protocol in 2016.

EXPRESS READ

SC notice on plea against Bengal probe

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought responses from the Centre and West Bengal government on a plea challenging the setting up of a Commission of Inquiry by the state to probe Pegasus snooping allegations. A bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana issued notices and posted it for hearing on August 25. Advocate Saurabh Mishra, appearing for the petitioner, told the bench that they have challenged the notification issued by the state government constituting the Commission of Inquiry on the ground of jurisdiction.

Tibetan govt in exile sets up panel for China talks

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

IN a move to build renewed and consistent pressure on Beijing to resume the Sino-Tibet negotiations, the Sikyong (President) Penpa Tsering-led Kashag Secretariat of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) in Dharamshala has dissolved the 'Task Force on Sino-Tibet Dialogue' and replaced it with a Strategic Planning Committee (PSC). The Task Force, set up in 1998, was an exclusive round table of CTA that deliberated on negotiations with Beijing.

The Committee, formed on August 13, comprises Secretaries, Department of Security, Karma Rinchen and Department of Information and International Relations, Karma Choeying, Political Secretary, Kashag Secretariat, Tashi Gyatso and Director, Tibet Policy Institute, Dawa Tsering. Besides the four members, the Kashag has also appointed three advisors — former ministers Dongchung Ngodup and Tenpa Tsering and former envoy of the Dalai Lama, Kelsang Gyaltsen, to the PSC. The Committee will "apprise the Sikyong on Tibet and Tibet-related issues and will also advise the Sikyong on advocacy and strategy planning," the Kashag circular stated.

The task force has been convened 32 times since its inception, with the last meeting being held in December 2019. The nine rounds of Sino-Tibet talks held between representatives of the Dalai Lama and Beijing between 2002 and 2010 did not yield any results. China rejected the middle path approach, which is the official stance of the Tibetan government in exile, that seeks genuine autonomy under the framework of the Chinese constitution.

During his swearing-in ceremony on May 27 this year, Penpa Tsering had said that the main responsibility of the Kashag is to "seek relief from the critical challenges being faced by endangered Tibet and suffering of the Tibetan people. We shall resolutely tread the path of Middle Way, espoused by His Holiness the Dalai Lama...We will reach out to the Chinese government to find a mutually beneficial, negotiated, non-violent solution to the Sino-Tibet conflict," Tsering had said.

He had responded to the claims made by China in the white paper — Tibet since 1951: Liberation, Development and Prosperity — which Beijing had issued on May 21 stating that the CTA is open to sending people to verify their claims.

ROBBERS BLOW UP ATM

Unidentified robbers blew up an ATM using explosives in Madhya Pradesh's Shivpuri district, but left the spot quickly, leaving currency notes worth around ₹7 lakh lying scattered there

600 HOURS OF MOBILE INTERNET BAN IN MEGHALAYA SINCE '18

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	33	27	Mumbai	30	28
Bhopal	27	23	Panaji	29	26
Jaipur	34	27	Patna	32	27
Amritsar	36	28	Lucknow	35	28
Chennai	33	28	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	29	27	Imphal	24	21
Srinagar	31	13	Chandigarh	37	28

CORRUPTION CASE

SC junks appeal by Deshmukh to quash CBI FIR

Apex court says no error in Bombay HC's judgment refusing to stay FIR against him

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@ New Delhi

FORMER Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh's plea seeking to quash the FIR lodged against him by the CBI in the corruption case, was dismissed by the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Observing that there is no error in the judgment of the high court, a bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and M R Shah dismissed Deshmukh's appeal against July 22 order of the Bombay High Court saying 'no case for interference with the high court verdict is made out'.

On July 22, the High Court had refused to quash an FIR registered against Deshmukh by the CBI, saying the central agency's probe was ongoing and any interference by the court at this stage was uncalled for.

During the hearing, senior advocate Amit Desai, appearing for Deshmukh said that in the complaint of advocate Jaishri Patil, various allegations were made and the High Court has read into the things, which were never averred. The bench told Desai that he cannot say that investigation is invalid when it has been ordered by a constitutional court.

"If the CBI investigates a person on the direction of the court, can the government of India or state government say that you cannot investigate my officer. If this argument is accepted then the entire purpose of directions by the top court gets defeated," the bench said.

Justice Chandrachud said that there are certain categories of cases especially if the person is holding a high office, where the apex court in its verdict observed that there should be preliminary enquiry so that he is not targeted unnecessarily.

"In this case also the High Court did not straight away order the CBI to lodged a FIR but directed that preliminary enquiry be conducted. This was not case where murder was committed and court directed for probe," the bench said.

Had sought better security for slain worker, says BJP

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A day after BJP worker Javed Ahmed Dar was shot dead by terrorists in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, the BJP on Wednesday said the party had given a representation to the Deputy Commissioner seeking urgent need to provide security to about 30 party workers, including Javed.

The party said nine of its workers have been killed by terrorists since the Centre diluted Article 370 of the Constitution on August 5, 2019.

BJP's district president Kulgam Abid Hussain Khan told this newspaper that last week he had sought better security to 30 prominent party workers of the district as they were facing militant threat.

"I had told DC that 30 of our party workers were still unsafe and need early safety and secure accommodation," he said, adding, "I also gave him list of the workers and name of Javed (who was killed by militants yesterday) figured in Serial No 5 of the list," he said.

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>
> Kulgam Abid Hussain Khan, BJP district president

Khan said he also forwarded the representation to SSP Kulgam on the same day.

"From August 11, the police started the process and picked up 17-18 people figuring in the list and shifted them to secure accommodation. However, Javed, who was constituency president was left out and no policemen went to his house to tell him that he was facing militant threat and he will be shifted to the safe accommodation," he said.

However, a police spokesman said as per the district police, nobody had approached seeking better security and even the local BJP leader didn't share his name in the list of protected persons. Kulgam is one of the four militancy-hit districts in south Kashmir.

U'khand officials did not move a finger to stop fake testing: Report

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@ Dehradun

AN investigation report into fake Covid testing in Haridwar said health officials of the district were aware of the irregularities, but chose not to act.

Had the officials acted on time, they could have stopped the fake testing, the report says. "Various irregularities by the pathology labs surfaced (during the investigation), such as the filing of expression of interest documents in January and affidavits related to it in April. Why such a long delay? Later, the labs were not uploading data in regular fashion," said an official on condition of anonymity.

The investigation report was submitted to the district magistrate last week. The DM will submit the report to senior officials of the state government. The report also pointed to a 'conspiracy' behind conducting more than 1 lakh fake tests.

Officials privy to the development said district health officials as well as mela health officials have been fired as the report indicates their complicity. The main report consists of 120-pages and annexures run over 2400-pages.

The inquiry was ordered on June 10, 2021 by the Haridwar district administration.

The DM had directed the probe agency to complete the inquiry within 15 days. However, multiple extensions were granted on requests made by the officials.

On June 18, Haridwar district police formed special investigation team (SIT) to probe fake Kumbh testing matter.

In July 2021, the SIT added Section 467 (Forgery of valuable security, will, etc) in the already registered FIR against a firm and two pathology laboratories accused of irregularities in Covid 19 testing in Kumbh in Haridwar.

Case was registered last month under sections of Epidemic Act, 1897, Disaster Management Act, 2005, IPC 420 (forgery), 468 (forgery), 471 (fraudulently using as genuine any document or electronic record), 120B (criminal conspiracy), 188 (punishment for disobedience to an order duly promulgated by a public servant), 269 and 270 (likely to spread infection).

During Kumbh Mela, the Uttarakhand government had teamed up with several private diagnosistic firms to conduct Covid-19 tests. One of the labs Max Corporate Service (MCS) in turn hired two other private laboratories, Delhi-based Lal Chandani Lab and Hissar-based Nalwa lab, to carry out the tests. More than 1 lakh samples tested by these labs are under scanner.

SAFETY AT BAY

Passengers flouting social distancing norms board a train to reach their native places at Patna junction on Wednesday | PTI

Aid for women giving birth in Bihar camps

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

AMIDST the ongoing flood situation in more than 26 districts of Bihar, the state government announced special support for women attaining motherhood in a relief camp.

If a woman gives birth to a girl child at a relief camp, she will get a financial support of ₹15,000. If the child is a male, she will get ₹10,000.

The decision was taken after CM Nitish Kumar visited a number of camps in flood-affected areas.

"The first right on the state's exchequer is for the people affected by flood and other disasters. Pregnant women living in Bihar's flood relief camps will be given financial assistance of ₹10,000 for having a son and ₹15,000 for having a daughter," Kumar said.

Women and children at a relief camp in Bihar | EXPRESS

The CM said all necessary arrangements have been made to provide relief to those affected by the flood. A financial assistance of ₹6,000 will be provided to each family affected.

Nitish said special care is being given to pregnant women. As per a rough estimate, dozens of pregnant women are in relief camps across the state.

At least six expecting mothers were evacuated from East Champaran, Muzaffarpur, Katihar and Bhojpur by the NDRF personnel. On August 13 and 18, two more pregnant women took shelters at Digha flood relief camp and the Nakta flood relief camp, delivered three kids including a female kid.

Patna District Magistrate Dr Chandrasekhar Singh said twins were born to one of the women staying at Digha relief centre in Patna. Another woman at the Nakta relief camp gave birth on August 18 to a male child. All children are reportedly healthy.

Raj reshuffle on hold as Gehlot unwilling to accept Pilot's demand

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE delay in Rajasthan cabinet reshuffle, which was expected to take place on August 15, has led to more friction within the state Congress between Sachin Pilot and Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

Pilot has demanded ministerial berths for six of his loyalists, sources said. This is in addition to the three ministers, who were ousted during the Pilot-led revolt last year. However, Chief Minister Gehlot has been unwilling to oblige, and has consented to give only three berths.

The return of the Pilot camp after prolonged persuasion by the Congress leadership has failed to stem the intra-party tensions. Sources said while the top leadership is keen to live up to the promises made to Sachin Pilot, it also does not wish to do anything that may upset the Gehlot camp.

As the party looks for a middle path, the entire exercise of a ministerial rejig is getting delayed.

Currently, Chief Minister Gehlot is said to be against a major reshuffle of his team.

Sources say major changes may not be seen in the first cabinet reshuffle, whenever it takes place, with only three or five ministers being changed.

"Only Gehlot will decide who and how many MLAs from the Pilot camp will be accommodated in the ministry. CM Gehlot is a close aide of the Gandhi family and the party is not at all keen to embarrass Gehlot in any way. The reshuffle is getting delayed because Gehlot is not in favour of accepting the unreasonable demands of the Pilot camp," a senior minister said. Meanwhile, AICC general secretary state in-charge Ajay Maken said that it is for the party leadership to decide the date of the reshuffle.

Bengal to woo investors to create jobs

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

WITH a view to realising West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's election promise of creating 1.5 crore, the state's industries department is set to send a proposal to the newly established West Bengal Industrial Promotion Board to revive the incentive policy for large industries to attract investment.

Right now, Bengal has an incentive policy in place to support setting up of industrial parks, but none for large industries.

"We will put forward a proposal to the board so that a proper incentive police can be revived. Departments like MSME, tourism and IT can also submit such proposals," said state industries minister Partha Chatterjee.

"The state government wants to attract investment in large industries to materialise her pre-poll promise in the next five years. It will not be possible to create so many jobs without large investments in the state," said an official.

EXPRESS READ

CBI closes probe into Sheena Bora case

Mumbai: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday told a special court in Mumbai that its investigation into the high-profile Sheena Bora murder case is closed. The CBI has filed three chargesheets and two supplementary charge sheets naming Indrani Mukherjea, her driver Shyamvar Rai, her former husband Sanjeev Khanna and Peter Mukerjea. About 60 witnesses have recorded their statements in the trial, which started in 2017. Indrani and Peter Mukherjea ended their 17-year relationship and were granted a divorce in 2019. Peter Mukherjea was given bail last year while Indrani Mukherjea is still in jail.

Centre weaponising ED, NIA against those speaking the truth: Mehbooba

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said those who speak the truth in "naya Kashmir" are being punished after her mother was on Wednesday questioned by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a money laundering case.

Mehbooba's mother Gulshan Nazir was questioned by the agency at its Srinagar office for about three hours. Gulshan, the wife of late former CM Mufti Sayeed, was earlier questioned by the ED on July 14. Subsequently the agency, on August 6, issued a fresh summons, asking her to appear for questioning again.

"In naya Kashmir, whosoever talks true and truth, he or she is being punished," Mehbooba told reporters, after her mother's interrogation.

She said agencies like the ED and the NIA are being weaponised against politicians, activists, journalists, students, etc. "Whosoever talks truth and whoever talks against divisive policy and also against false narrative on J&K created by them, they have to face this punishment," she said. Referring to the chronology of the summons, PDP chief said, "When I refused to meet the Delimitation Commission, the next day a summon was issued to my mother. And when I took out a peaceful protest on August 5, the next day she received ED summon."

"In New India being summoned by agencies like NIA & ED have become a ritual for whoever disagrees with government of India's divisive agenda and policies," she said.

Corruption: Ex-Punjab DGP arrested

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FORMER Punjab DGP Sumedh Singh Saini was on Wednesday been arrested by the state vigilance bureau in connection with a corruption case.

Sources said Saini reached the vigilance bureau office late on Wednesday night as he wanted to join investigation in separate case against him. During the interrogation, it was decided to arrest him over another case registered against him for taking bribe over recruitment of Punjab Police personnel.

As of Wednesday night, his lawyers were still in the vigilance office arguing with officials of the bureau. While his security personnel are still outside the vigilance bureau as they were told to go as he has been formally arrested but they reportedly refused to go. Saini's lawyers have been told that he will be produced in the court on Thursday.

Gehlot lays foundation for MLA housing complex

Well before resolving the long pending demands for cabinet expansion and political appointments, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has given a special gift to MLAs of Rajasthan. Gehlot laid the foundation stone for an ambitious project of the residential flats for MLAs recently. These luxurious multi-story flats will be constructed in Jaipur's Jyoti Nagar. The work is scheduled to be completed by November 2023. Besides modern facilities, the complex will have swimming pools, clubhouses, meeting halls and conference rooms along with adequate parking space.

PATNA DIARY

RAJESH K THAKUR
Our correspondent in Bihar
rkthajipur@gmail.com

Photographer from Jaipur wins gold medal

Ajay Parikh, a photographer from Jaipur, has won the gold medal in the Freedom Online International Art Exhibition organised by the World Art Community. 'Freedom' was the theme for the exhibition, which was held on the eve of India's 74th Independence Day. Ajay captured the image of a rural woman at the cusp of her humble abode at Sabalpura village in Jaipur district. The citation on his award states, "what stands out about this photograph is its inherent metaphor -- a character gazing out towards open field and endless horizon while still inside the house." In the age of social media and smartphones when everyone claims to be a good photographer, Ajay is optimistic about the importance of skilled photography.

End to the famed love story of star IAS couple

Tina Dabi-Athar Aamir Khan love story is coming to an end. The IAS couple has ended their marriage which was once hailed as a symbol of communal harmony. The duo made headlines in 2016 when the results of the 2015 civil services exams were announced. Tina became the first Dalit to top the prestigious examination and Athar came second. The star couple got posted in the Rajasthan cadre of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), and for some time, things looked rosy. Gradually, their relationship soured, and finally, a court in Jaipur week passed their divorce

Anti-child marriage activist to promote TV show

Jodhpur activist Dr Kriti Bharti, internationally known for her bold campaign to end child marriage, will promote Balika Vadhu-2, the super-hit show produced by Colors TV. During the social media promotion of the show, some real-life stories of child brides who got the strength to annul their marriages from Dr Kriti Bharti, will be broadcast. In this promotional campaign, Dr. Kriti Bharti, Managing Trustee and Rehabilitation Psychologist at Jodhpur's Saarthi Trust, will narrate the stories of real child brides. An agreement to this effect has recently been signed between Viacom18 and the Saarthi Trust.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client **Mr. AAMIR SOHAIL** S/o Mohammed Akmal Pasha, No.8/21, 8th Main, BTM Layout 1st Stage, Bangalore-29, has negotiated to purchase with **Mr.PRASHANT GOYAL** S/o Shrikrishan Dass Goyal, No.1, 'Goyal Mansion', Vignan Nagar, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore-75, to purchase the Schedule Property hereunder earlier belonging to **Mr. Channakeshava** and **Mr. Sampangi @ Champakadhama,** and if any person/s have any manner of rights, interests, claims or objections of whatsoever nature can lodge their claim/s with the undersigned along with substantial document/s within 15 Days from this notice and if no claim/s are lodged within the specified period, it will be deemed that the above mentioned person is the sole and absolute Owner of the said Property and my client will proceed to conclude the sale transaction and register the sale deed.

SCHEDULE

The Site No.648/12, Property Nos.39/1, 39/2 & 42, Khata No.62/648/12, Assmt.No.416/648/12, **Angalapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** measuring East to West: 45-0 Feet and North to South: 40-0 Feet, totally measuring 1800 Square Feet & bounded on the : **East: Site No.649/12; West: Road; North: Site No.648/13 and South: Site No.648/11;**

T.M.SYED AFZAL AHMED (Advocate)
No.151/1-A, Lal Masjid Complex,
Jumma Masjid Road,Shivajinagar,
Bangalore-560 051.
M : 9845546676, 080-41643307

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my client Sri. R. Vijay Kumar S/o Late. B.H. Ramachandra Reddy is intending to purchase the schedule property from its owner Mr. V. Anand S/o late G. Venkataswamy, R/at 105, SHANGRI-LA, Anandnagar, Outer Ring Road, Marath Halli, Bengaluru-560037. Any person having any right, claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule property in any manner or any one who has got any objection to this sale transaction must notify the under signed with supporting documents within Seven Days of this publication. Failing which it shall be presumed that no person has any manner of objections or any right, claim or interest in the schedule property and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property presuming that the said property is free from all claims and encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Site No.23 formed in Property No.36 measuring East to West 60 Sq.ft and North to South 40 Sq.ft totally Measuring 2400 Sq.ft situated at Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Hoodi Post, Bengaluru East Taluk presently known as Anand Nagar and bounded on the:- East by : Service Road, West by : Saraswathamma's Land, North by : Private Property, South by : A. Raghavan's Land.

J.V. CHANDRA SHEKAR, Advocate
No.39/2, 5th Floor, ASVNV Bhavan,
Opp. SBI Regional Office, K.G. Road,
Bengaluru-560009.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE dated 17.08.2021

The Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General Services), Palakkad Division, acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders through official portal of Indian Railways **(www.ireps.gov.in)** from experienced contractors for the under mentioned works.

Sl.No.1:
Tender Notice No. J-E-13-2021-22-W
Name of Work: PGT Division - DEN/ West section - Proposed FOBs at ETK, PYOL, ELM, CS & extension of existing FOB at MJS (NSG-6) stations - Electrical arrangements.
Approximate cost: ₹ 7,33,894/-

Sl.No.2:
Tender Notice No. J-E-14-2021-22-W
Name of Work: Setting up of 11kV, 433V, 630 kVA Outdoor type Compact Electrical General Service Substation along with associated equipments at Mangaluru Central Railway Station.
Approximate cost: ₹ 84,49,105/-

Date and time of Tender closing - 20-09-2021 at 11.00 Hrs.

For complete details, please refer E-Tender -> Works -> Search Tender in **www.ireps.gov.in** website. Corrigendum if any; will be notified in website only and it will not be published in newspapers.

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer (GS)/Palakkad

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IN THE COURT OF THE SUBORDINATE JUDGE PERIYAKULAM

O.S. No. 76/2017

INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK LAKSHIMIPURAM BRANCH Through its Branch Manager Lakshimipuram ... Plaintiff

VS

PARIMALA, W/o. Jeyaprakash, Door No. 412, Mahaveer Sibasings, 24th Main Road, 2nd sector, E.S.R. layout, Bangalore ... 5th defendant

The above said case is posted for your appearance on 31.08.2021 and the case was filed by plaintiff bank against you and your family members. On the hearing date of 31.08.2021, you must appear in person or through your advocate, without fail at about 10.30 am before the Hon'ble court or otherwise the court will pass ex-partee order against you

S.R.Shyam M.A.,B.L.,
Advocate
No. 1287, K.N.V. Complex
Equitas Bank Upstairs,
Periyakulam Main Road,
Theni - 625 531.
Cell : 98421 99896,
86670 53838

Place : Theni
Date : 19.08.2021

HG-3.9.2021

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL SESSIONS JUDGE, (CCH-89) AT BENGALURU

Ex. Case No. 1830/2017

Between:

Karnataka State Financial Corporation, -Petitioner. No.1/1, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru-560052, Represented by : Deputy General Manager, (Recovery Department)

AND

5) Smt. Susheela Desikan, W/o Sri. G.N.S.Desikan, aged about 86 years, residing at: No. 189, Subbarama chetty Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004.

6) Sri. Rajeev.A.R., S/o Sri. Rangaswamy A.R., Aged about 28 years, residing at: No.2792, 16th Cross, 6th Main, BSK II Stage, Bengaluru-560078.

7) Sri.Sanjeev A.R., S/o Sri.Rangaswamy.A.R., Aged about 28 years, residing at: No.2792, 16th Cross, 6th Main, BSK II Stage,Bengaluru-560078.

NOTICE TO JUDGMENT DEBTORS No. 05 to 07

Whereas the above named Decree holder has filed the above execution petition against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 257,56,60,213-00** (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Seven Crores Fifty Six Lakhs Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Thirteen Only) as on **01.07.2017** with agreed future interest till realization.

you are hereby summoned to appear before this Court of **03.09.2021 at 11.00 am** in person or through your Advocates/ Pleaders to answer the questions in the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this **17th August 2021 at Bengaluru.**

By order of the Court
Assistant Registrar,
City Civil and Sessions Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner:
Dr.T.Somashekar,
Prajwal Law Associates,
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
No.04, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross,
Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients Panchdhari, S/o. late Chennayya, Gangadhar P. S/o. late. Puttaswamy. and Mrs. Darshana S.P. W/o. Gangadhar P. residing at No.592, 5th Cross, Kamalanagar, Bangalore - 560 079. have lost the following original Sale and we have filed an Affidavit on 10.08.2021 and lodged a Police Complaint on 10.08.2021 with Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police, in that behalf.

1) Original Sale Deed dated 06.01.2006 executed by Smt. Hombalamma W/o. Late Byraiah, Gangadhara, Chikkanna and Vijay all the 3 sons of late. Byraiah in favour of Smt. Jayalakshmi, W/o Sri. Seenappa and the document is registered as No. BLN-1-16992. Book-1, stored in CD No. BLND201 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Sriramapuram, Bangalore, registered on 07.01.2006.

The above said original document pertain to the property bearing Site No.592, PID No. 16-54-592, 5th Cross, Kamalanagar, Bangalore - 560 079. measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South : 40 feet in all measuring 600 square feet. bounded on East by: Property bearing No.593, West by: Road, North by: Road and South by: Property bearing No.621.

The General Public are hereby informed that if any person holding/trace out the above said Original Document may inform to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this notice.

If any person/s or any bank/financial institution having any charge, lien, right, title or interest over the above said property should inform to the undersigned with the relevant documentary evidence in person within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice failing which the title of the above said property will be presumed to be clear and marketable and my client will go further in respect of the said property.

Basavaraj Salimath, Advocate
Yeshasvi, No. 411, 12th Main,
Manjunatha Nagar, West of Chord Road,
Bengaluru-560010. Mobile : 9008324435
Bangalore Date: 17.08.2021

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DIPR/2439/TENDER/2021

PUNJAB STATE TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity No. U40109PB2010SGC033814, www.pstcl.org
O/o: Dy. CE/TS (Design), Telefax: 0175-2207774, E-mail: se-trd@pstcl.org

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Enquiry No.	STQ-5134
Description	220kV Isolators & LE's
Qty.	50 Nos. Isolators & 20 Nos. LE's
Last Date & Time for receipt of tender	21.09.2021 upto 11.00 AM
Date & Time for Opening of tender	23.09.2021 at 11.00 AM

Detailed NIT/specification may be downloaded from PSTCL e-tendering website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.** Corrigendum, if any, will not be published in newspapers. As such the website may be visited regularly for updates.

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Sd/- Dy. CE/TS (Design),
PSTCL, Patiala.

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DIPR/2452/TENDER/2021

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED

Bids are invited from Experienced reputed civil contractor registered in 'AA' class in RRVPNL and 'AA' class in other Govt. Department, eligible for participation as per BID amount in Central/ State/ other State Govt. Deptt./NCR, Experienced Company having executed similar in Govt. deptt. And Govt. owned entity having experienced of similar work through E-Procurement system for the work described in NIT no. 08/2021-22 under Se (Civil), RVPNL, Jaipur in the prescribed BID format. All information regarding BID are available on websites **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** and www.rvpn.co.in and **https://sppp.raj.nic.in UBN:- VPN2122WLOB00524**

RRVPN/TR-5211/2021
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Superintending Engineer (Civil), Jaipur

KARNATAKA SLUM DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Office of the Executive Engineer, No. 2 Division Mysore
Near Highway Circle, Jawa Factory Road, Mysore-570001
Ph: 0821-2410999, e-mail: ksdb_mys2@yahoo.com
Website: www.karnataka.gov.in/ksdb

No: KSDB/EE/Mys-Div-2/IFT-02/2021-22 **Date: 18-08-2021**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-1)
(e-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

On behalf of the Commissioner, KSDB, Bangalore, The Executive Engineer, No.2 Division, Mysuru invites tender from eligible Tenderer's for **Providing Basic Amenities to Different Slums in Krishnaraja Constituency, Mysore City.** The Maximum approximate value of work is **Rs.17.52 Lakhs**.Tender notification, schedule, specification are available in the website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.

1	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications	24-08-2021 upto 16.00 hours
2	Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders	25-08-2021 upto 16.00 hours
3	Date & Time for Opening of Tender	27-08-2021 at 11.00 hours
4	Place of Opening of Tender Documents	Office of The Executive Engineer, No.2 Division, Mysore Near Highway Circle, Java Factory Road Mysuru - 570001

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KSDB, No.2 Division, Mysuru

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KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PROJECT DIVISION, KOPPAL TEL.NO: 08539 -231054

FAX.NO: 08539-231054 E-Mail: kn-kop @ pmgsy.nic.in

No. PD/KPL/KKRDB/Micro/2021-22 /379 Dtd: 16.08.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency, Project Division Koppal invites Item Rate Tenders for the works shown in the below table as per Standard Bid Document KKRDB through e-procurement portal in two cover system.

1 **Name of Work & Work Indent NO:**Improvements to road From J Rampur to M Gudaduru in Kustagi Taluka of Koppal District. Ch:0.00 to 0.280 Km (Work Id:KPL2021241195) KRRDA/2021-22/RD/Work_indent5143

Estimated Contract Value (Rs Lakhs):100.00

Stipulated Period of completion: 5 months (including monsoon period)

Calendar of events of tendering is as follows:

1. EMD: -. 2. Last date for receipt of objections & queries: **27.08.2021, 11.30 hrs.** 3. Last date for online submission of Technical and Financial bid: **02.09.2021, 16.30 hrs.** 4. Opening of Technical bid: **03.09.2021, after 16.30 hrs.** 5. Opening of Financial bid: **After technical bid approval**

For any further information, contact Executive Engineer, Project Division Koppal during office hours (Ph. 08539 – 231054). Details can be had from the **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/215/MCA/2021-22

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. EEE/MWD/TKR/AEE-1/2021-22/2646-50 Date: 16.08.2021

NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited has formulated a scheme under section 67 of the Electricity Act 2003 and the same is herewith published in pursuance of section 67(2)(C) of the said act for information to the public. Particulars of the scheme are as follows.

Name of the work: Construction of 66KV DC line from Chelur Tap Point to the existing 66/11KV Sub Station at Chelur in the existing corridor using Drake conductor for a distance of 16.475 Kms and associated Terminal bays at Chelur 66/11KV S/S for providing LILO arrangement in Tumkur District

Existing SC 66KV Line areas passing through: Tumkur Dist., Tumkur Taluk, Bellavi Hobli Villages are (1) Kurikempannahalli (2) Bellavi (3) Harivanapura (4) Channenahalli (5) Ranganapalya (6) Dodda veeranahalli.

Tumkur Dist., Gubbi Taluk, Chelur hobli Villages are (1) Jalaguni (2) Patrvaatanahalli (3) Thandasanahalli (4) Nalluru and (5) Chelur Village.

Approximate length: **16.475 Kms.**

Approximate Cost: Rs. 1117.62 Lakhs

KPTCL shall have and exercise all powers which the telegraph authorities passes under part III of the Indian Telegraphs Act 1885(13 of 1885) for implementation of the above said scheme. Any objections or discrepancies regarding the above schemes shall be sent to the undersigned office within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification for KPTCL's pursuance.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer El.,**
Major Works Division, KPTCL, Kothitopu, Tumakuru.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has offered to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner **The Christian Fellowship Centre,** A society registered under the Karnataka Society's Registration Act, 1960 and having its Office at No.40, Da Costa Square, Bangalore, represented by its Chairman **Mr.Charles Banna.**

Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien and interest in respect of the Schedule property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned with documentary evidence in support thereof within **seven days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims of all such person/s shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and my client will proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land together with the structures standing thereon bearing **Municipal Corporation No.40, PID No.86-32-40,** situated at **Da Costa Square,** Corporation New Ward No.59, Old Ward No.86, Bangalore and bounded on the :

EAST BY : Property bearing No.35, Da Costa Square ;
WEST BY : 40 feet wide Road;
NORTH BY : Property bearing No.39, Da Costa Square;
SOUTH BY : Property bearing No.41, Da Costa Square;

and measuring :
EAST : 47 feet 6 inches;
WEST : 47 feet 6 inches;
NORTH : 69 feet;
SOUTH : 69 feet;
Totally measuring in all 3277.50 Square feet.

NISSAR AHMED, Advocate
No.10, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore : 560 046.
Dated : 19.08.2021 Place : Bangalore

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

Tender Notice No. e-1/Jnnurm/ 2021-22 **Date : 17.08.2021**

The Commissioner, Coimbatore Corporation hereby invites bids through both on-line and off line from eligible bidders for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Value put to tender Rs.	Bid Security Rs.	Period of Completion
1	Improvement of Sanganoor Pallam from Mettupalayam Road to Sathyamangalam Road at Coimbatore Corporation- from Chainage 2300m to 3300m (Package - II) **(Second Call)**	28.00 Crore	28.00 Lakh	18 Months

A two cover bidding procedure will be adopted. The bidders shall satisfy the qualification criteria and the financial criteria as mentioned in the bid document. The bidding documents will be available from **18.08.2021** to **16.09.2021** and downloaded / uploaded from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in on or before at 15.00 Hours on 16.09.2021 through online.** Tender Submission **will be closed at 15.00 hours and opened at 16.00 hours on 17.09.2021 through offline.**

Roc. No. 3615 (Pack -II) /2012 / JN 4
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The Commissioner
Coimbatore Corporation,
Coimbatore Corporation Office Building,
Big Bazaar Street, Coimbatore-641001.
Commissioner, Coimbatore Corporation

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE (RACPC) – II, KORAMANGALA
No. 12, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore -560 034.
Tel: 080 -25943803, Fax: 080 -25943800, E mail: maintracpc2.ban@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

No.GWR/4163/HL/3169 **A/c. No.CC/OD 33765367330**

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **10.12.2019** calling upon the Borrower/Mortgagor, **Sri. Samba Siva Rao Suda,** S/o. Sri. Anjaneyulu Suda, No.2292, 16th Cross, 24th Main, HSR Layout, 1st Sector, Bengaluru – 560102. **Also at:** (i) No.6-13, Bayyauavaram, Krosur Mandal, Guntur District – 522402. (ii) No.43/1, Hosapalya Main Road, Hosapalya, Bommanahalli Post, Bengaluru – 560068. **Office Address: Sri. Samba Siva Rao Suda**, M/s Epictions Trans Media Pvt. Ltd., No.8, SBI Colony, 7th 'A' Main, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560034, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.46,44,664/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Forty Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four Only)** as on **06.12.2019** + interest from **07.12.2019** + incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount in full as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **16.08.2021**

The borrower/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an aggregate amount of **Rs.48,63,131/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Sixty Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty One Only)** as on **26.07.2021** and interest from **27.07.2021** + expenses thereon.

The borrower/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: (Description of entire land)
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE property being residentially converted land bearing Sy. No.16/10, BBMP Khatha No.579/16/10, measuring 1 Acre (out of 1 Acre 21 Guntas) situated at Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District (converted vide Order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District dated 19/10/2010 vide No. ALN.SR.SB(B.H) 31/2010-11) property comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded on the : East by :Remaining portion of Same Sy.No.16/10, West by:Survey No. 16/11, North by:Road and Sy.No.16/12, South by :Property bearing Sy.No.16/9.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: (Description of undivided Share of Land, right, title and interest in schedule 'A' Property conveyed under this Sale deed to the Purchaser)
An undivided share, right, title and interest of 502 Square Feet of land out of the total extent of land described under Schedule 'A' Property above.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: (Description of Flat in the Schedule 'A' Property conveyed under this Sale Deed to the Purchaser)
A Residential Apartment No: 109, measuring 1255 Square feet of super built up area with 2 Bed Rooms in First Floor, of the building known as 'SPLENDID ROYALE' constructed on Block-A in the Schedule 'A' Property along with proportionate share in other areas of common use along with One covered Car Parking in the Stilt Floor standing in the name of Sri. Samba Siva Rao Suda, S/o. Sri. Anjaneyulu Suda, vide Sale Deed dated 19.04.2014 and Registered as Document No.BMH-1-00388/2014-15 and CD No.BMHD671 dated 19.04.2014 at SRO, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru.

Date :16.08.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd.(IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of theBorrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s), /Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. K G Murugan, Mrs. P R Sumitra, Sai Ram Auto Industries **(Prospect No. 944006)**	**12-Aug-2021 Rs. 1,15,18,658/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakh Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Eight Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Property bearing No.640/74 (Site No.74), admeasuring 2400 sq. ft., Old katha No.640/74-75 now Bommanahalli CMC Katha No 239, situated at Garivebaavi Palya, Ward No.06, (behind Munireddy Kalyanamantap), Hongasandra Village , Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, 560068, Karnataka, India

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers.For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office : IIFL HFL "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025/or Corporate Office : IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore Date: 19.08.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CAMPUS
BALAJI NAGAR, SIRIPURAM, VISAKHAPATNAM

Authorised Officer's Details: Name: Sri K.S.H Sastry (Chief Manager)
Mobile No.89784 80704, e-mail ID : sbi.10077@sbi.co.in, For Property Inspection : 90040 84875

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of **State Bank of India** has taken over **POSSESSION** of the following property u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002. Public at large is informed that e-Auction (under SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the charged property mentioned below for realisation of Bank's dues will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" BASIS** and on the terms and conditions specified hereunder.

1) **Borrowers & Guarantors : Sri Nori Kishore,** S/o Venkateswarlu, Flat No: 103, Block-C, Confident Atik, Opp: Lafarge Concrete Mix, Sarjapura Road, Sompura, Sarjapura Post, Anekal Taluka, BANGALORE-562125, Karnataka. **Also At: Sri Nori Kishore,** S/o Venkateswarlu, Plot No: 3/1, Veerasandra, Electronic city Post, Electronic City, Anekal Taluka, Sarjapura Hobli, BANGALORE-560100, Karnataka.
Demand Notice Date: 06-06-2019 Outstanding Amount asper Demand Notice: Rs.35,53,183.46 Ps. as on **05.06.2019** plus further interest and expenses thereon, and other expenses thereon.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Immovable property mortgaged by Sri Nori Kishore : SCHEDULE : (A) : An Extent Undivided and un-specified share of 50.85 Sq.Yards of Site (Out of total 1016.95 Sq.Yds) semi finished construction by the name of "Anjana Srinidhi Apartment", Third Floor, Flat No. 402 thereon in Kolanukonda Village, Survey No: 75/2, Near Door No: 1-158, Kolanukonda Gram Panchayat, Tadepalli Mandal, Guntur District belonging to Sri Nori Kishore S/o Venkateswarlu Vide Regd. Sale deed No.10895/2017 dt 27.11.2017 S.R.O., Mangalagiri, Guntur District and is **bounded by: East:** Property belonging to Katragadda Sivamma and others (73'-04"), **West:** 40 feet Width Road (73'-06"), **North:** Property belonging to Katragadda Sivamma and others (120'-07"), **South:** Property belonging to Maddala Sudhakar and others (128'-09").
Schedule: (B) : An extent of Plinth area 868 Sq.ft, Balcony & Utility Area 200 Sq.Ft, common area 173.59 Sq.Ft and car parking Area 100 Sq.Ft R.C.C construction by the name of "Anjana Srinidhi Apartment", Flat No. 402, Third Floor. **bounded by : East:** Common Corridor, **South:** Open to Sky, **West:** Open to Sky, **North:** Open to Sky.

Reserve Price:Rs.14,59,000 /- EMD: Rs.1,45,900/- Bid Multiplier Amount: Rs.10,000/-
Date of E-auction: 28-09-2021 Time: 11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon
Date & Time of Inspection of property: 01-09-2021 to 27-09-2021 From 10.00 A.M to 04.00 P.M.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION ARE AS UNDER:

1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the linzk provided in **State Bank of India**, the Secured Creditor's website **www.sbi.co.in .**
For Registration, EMD, Auction Details etc., visit https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi of the service provider : **M/S MSTC Limited, Toll free Numbers 033-22901004.**
2) The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory / non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees etc. owing to anybody.

Date: 18-08-2021, Place: VISAKHAPATNAM **Sd/-Authorized Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA**

LAKSHMI VILAS BANK

(NOW DBS BANK INDIA LIMITED)

STRESSED ASSETS & RECOVERY
Regional office: #93, II Floor, TKN Mansion, Opp: KSRTC Central Office, K. H. Road, Bengaluru-560027
Phone: +91 8046766307, E-mail: Bangalorerorecovery@lvbank.in

APPENDIX- IV-A

[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Lakshmi Vilas Bank (Now DBS Bank India Limited), the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **21 Sep 2021**, for recovery of **₹54,43,089.36** (Rupees fifty four lac forty three thousand and eighty nine and paise thirty six only) as on 15 Aug 2021 and interest from 31 July 2021 and other charges and expenses due to Lakshmi Vilas Bank (Now DBS Bank India Limited), the Secured Creditor, from Borrowers: **(1) M/s Hassanamba Fuel Park,** No. 158A, Santhepet, B. M. Road, Hassan -573201, Represented by its partners (2) Sri H. M. Giridhar, S/o Sri H. P. Manjunath, H. No. 6955, Adavi Gowda Compound, Opp: Banashankari Kalyana Mantapa, Cross Road, Vallabhai Road, Ward No. 26, Hassan – 573201 and (3) Sri H. P. Manjunath, S/o Sri H. A. Parshwanath, H. No. 6955, Adavi Gowda Compound, Opp: Banashankari Kalyana Mantapa, Cross Road, Vallabhai Road, Ward No. 26, Hassan – 573201 and Guarantors (4) Sri H. M. Giridhar, S/o Sri H. P. Manjunath, H. No. 6955, Adavi Gowda Compound, Opp: Banashankari Kalyana Mantapa, Cross Road, Vallabhai Road, Ward No. 26, Hassan – 573201, (5) Sri H. P. Manjunath, S/o Sri H. A. Parshwanath, H. No. 6955, Adavi Gowda Compound, Opp: Banashankari Kalyana Mantapa, Cross Road, Vallabhai Road, Ward No. 26, Hassan – 573201, (6) Sri H. M. Arun Kumar, S/o Sri H. P. Manjunath, H. No. 6955, Adavi Gowda Compound, Opp: Banashankari Kalyana Mantapa, Cross Road, Vallabhai Road, Ward No. 26, Hassan – 573201 and (7) Smt S. P. Kavya, W/o Sri H. M. Giridhar, H. No. 6955, Adavi Gowda Compound, Opp: Banashankari Kalyana Mantapa, Cross Road, Vallabhai Road, Ward No. 26, Hassan – 573201, and **₹16,22,733.00 (Rupees sixteen lac twenty two thousand seven hundred and thirty three only)** as on 15 Aug 2021 and interest from 19 Jul 2021 and other charges and expenses due to Lakshmi Vilas Bank (Now DBS Bank India Limited), the Secured Creditor, from Borrowers: **(1) Sri H. M. Giridhar,** S/o Sri H. P. Manjunath, H. No. 6955, Adavi Gowda Compound, Opp: Banashankari Kalyana Mantapa, Cross Road, Vallabhai Road, Ward No. 26, Hassan – 573201 and Guarantors **(2) Smt S. P. Kavya,** W/o Sri H. M. Giridhar, H. No. 6955, Adavi Gowda Compound, Opp: Banashankari Kalyana Mantapa, Cross Road, Vallabhai Road, Ward No. 26, Hassan – 573201.

Date of E-Auction	**21-09-2021 at 12:00 PM onwards**
Last Date, Time and Place for receipt of EMD	**20 Sep 2021, before 3:00 PM,** Lakshmi Vilas Bank (Now DBS Bank India Limited), Hassan Branch, No 72, Sharanya Arcade, Harsha Mahal Road, Hassan 573201.
Reserve Price	₹ **90,36,000.00** (Rupees ninety lac thirty six thousand only)
EMD	₹ **9,03,600.00** (Rupees nine lac three thousand six hundred only)(DD/PO/BC/ NEFT/RTGS favouring "Lakshmi Vilas Bank (Now DBS Bank India Limited), Hassan Branch - A/c M/s Hassanamba Fuel Park")

Description of Immovable Property

1.All that part and parcel of Land and residential building bearing Property No. 26-1-504-5A, Khata No. 233/196, S. A. S. No. 54, situated at Adavi Gowda Compound, Opp: Banashankari Kalyana Mantapa, Cross Road, Vallabhai Road, Ward No. 26, Hassan – 573201, measuring 30 feet x 18 feet, 40 feet x 19 feet, 26 feet x 18 feet and another measuring total 690 square feet (All the sites are situated adjoining), standing in the name of Sri H. M. Giridhar, S/o Sri H. P. Manjunath, Bound: On the East by property belonging to Smt Susheelamma, On the West by property belonging to Smt Noorunnisa, On the North by Road & property belonging to Smt Lakshmamma, On the South by property belonging to Sri G. R. Thimmappa & Others

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Reserve Price	₹ **90,00,000.00** (Rupees ninety lac only)
EMD	₹ **9,00,000.00** (Rupees nine lac only)(DD/PO/BC/NEFT/RTGS favouring "Lakshmi Vilas Bank (Now DBS Bank India Limited), Hassan Branch -

7 people were killed in the flash flood that followed torrential rains in Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	22	20	HR	Los Angeles	26	17	LC
Colombo	29	26	TDS	Melbourne	18	11	SNY
Dhaka	29	26	TDS	Moscow	24	15	TDS
Dubai	41	33	SNY	New York	32	23	TDS
Houston	36	25	SNY	Singapore	29	25	TDS
Istanbul	28	21	TDS	Toronto	26	20	LR
London	21	14	LC	Washington	33	23	LC

TALIBAN PLEDGE TO BE 'DIFFERENT', AFGHANS FLEE

Despite 'promises', group fires at protesters, blows up statue of Shiite foe from 1990 civil war

Locals, foreigners continue to flee country with US & other nations stepping up evacuation airlifts

EU, US, and 18 other countries state they are 'deeply worried about Afghan women and girls'

We are not sure who has blown up the statue of Hazara leader Abdul Ali Mazari, but there are different groups of Taliban present here in this region, including some... who are known for their brutality

An Afghan national

KABUL

THE Taliban have offered a pledge of reconciliation and vowed no revenge against opponents and to respect women's rights in a "different" rule of Afghanistan from two decades ago. The announcements came on Tuesday night, shortly after the return to Afghanistan of their co-founder, crowning the group's astonishing comeback after being ousted by a US-led invasion in 2001.

A day later on Wednesday, residents in Bamiyan city reported that a statue of Hazara leader Abdul Ali Mazari, killed by the group in the 1990s, had been decapitated. Hazaras have long been persecuted for their largely Shiite faith and were massacred in the thousands during the Taliban's ruthless conquest of the country in the 1990s.

"We are not sure who has blown up the statue, but there are different groups of Taliban present here, including some... who are known for their brutality," a resident said, asking not to be named. The Taliban astonished the world in 2001 when it destroyed two monumental and ancient Buddha statues in Bamiyan, after deeming them un-Islamic.

In the eastern city of Jalalabad, the Taliban fired shots, killing at least three people, as residents protested over the removal of Afghan flags that were replaced with those of the hardline movement, according to local media.

Afghans and foreigners continued to flee the country, with the United States and other nations stepping up evacuation airlifts from Kabul. Desperate scenes from the airport at the start of the week have created searing images of Afghans terrified of the Taliban, and a diminished United States unable to protect them. Some footage showed hundreds of people running alongside a US Air Force plane as it rolled down the runway, with some clinging to the side of it. One person was later found dead in the wheel well of the plane.

Crowds also built outside embassies in Kabul on Wednesday on rumours that governments were offering asylum.

US President Joe Biden's administration gave a non-committal response to the Taliban's pledges of tolerance.

"If the Taliban says they are going to respect the rights of their citizens, we will be looking for them to uphold that statement and make good on that statement," State Department spokesman Ned Price said.

The European Union, United States and 18 other countries issued a joint statement on Wednesday saying they were "deeply worried about Afghan women and girls", urging the Taliban to ensure their safety. *AFP*

62 flights left Kabul in past two days

Ankara: Turkey's defence minister said on Wednesday at least 62 evacuation flights were made from Kabul's international airport in the past two days, after security was restored at the airfield. Hulusi Akar said that Turkish troops and other NATO soldiers were involved in the effort, while air force planes were evacuating Turkish citizens. AP

Pak issuing visas to foreigners

Islamabad: Pakistan is issuing visas upon arrival to all diplomats, foreigners and journalists who want to leave Kabul over security concerns. Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said on Wednesday that since Sunday, as many as 900 foreigners, including diplomats and their staff, have arrived in Pakistan from Kabul via air travel. AP

Germany sending 600 troops for Kabul evacuation

Berlin: Germany will send up to 600 army personnel to Kabul to help evacuate German citizens and former Afghan local embassy staff. Chancellor Angela Merkel's Cabinet on Wednesday okayed the mission which started Monday. Germany's Bundestag Parliament will have to vote on the military mission as well which is likely going to happen next week. Every armed foreign deployment of the German army has to be approved by parliament in Germany. Normally this has to happen before the start of the deployment but in this case, because of the imminent danger German citizens were exposed to in Afghanistan, Cabinet and parliament were also allowed to approve the mission in retrospect, German news agency dpa reported. AP

Afghan migrants rest while they wait for transport by smugglers after crossing the Iran-Turkish border | AFP

A woman in limbo at Kabul airport

KABUL

WITH hundreds of Afghans rushing the tarmac of Kabul's international airport desperate to flee the return of the Taliban, a young Afghan woman stood in limbo between two worlds.

In one world, the 22-year-old would board a flight to a country she did not know, destined to become a refugee. In another, she would stay in an Afghanistan under Taliban rule, forced to wipe out the last 20 years of all that she had built and achieved.

Sleepless, hungry and scared, she has been waiting for hours at the airport for a flight she feared would never come with questions she could not answer. "I am in the airport, waiting to get a flight but I don't know to where," she said over the phone.

I am here, confused, hungry and hopeless. I don't know what is coming my way. Where will I go? How will I spend my days? Who will support my family?

The 22-year-old woman

A data analyst working for a US contractor helping Afghan businesses, she said she had gotten the call on Sunday afternoon, informing her she had just 10 minutes to leave for the airport. She had been put on an evacuation list heading to the United States or Mexico — she was told nothing more. She did not have a visa in her passport.

She left a friend's apartment in Kabul with just the clothes on her back, a knapsack, laptop and her phone. "My dreams and my plans, are all inside this small backpack," she said, speaking to the AP on condition that her name not be used for safety reasons.

As the Taliban swept into Kabul on Sunday after President Ashraf Ghani fled the country, she and a group of Afghans working for US media were rushed to the city's international airport by their American friends.

The speed of the Afghan government's collapse, the ensuing chaos and the near-complete takeover of the country — just two weeks before the final pullout of the last US and NATO troops — has shocked many in Afghanistan and beyond. For Afghan women, it has raised fears that all they had achieved in women's rights, the right to go to school and work, would be swiftly taken away. *AP*

HOW THE SCRAMBLE TO LEAVE IS UNFOLDING

With the Taliban largely in control of Afghanistan, foreign nations are scrambling to get their citizens and Afghans who worked with them out of the country. Here is a round-up of the latest developments

India's Taliban escort

India's final diplomats took a rocky road to the exit — they eventually asked the Taliban for an armed escort to the airport. India had been a staunch ally of the Afghan government, so nerves were jangling among the 150 nationals and diplomats gathered at the now-closed mission. But as the first of nearly two dozen vehicles drove out of the embassy, some heavily armed Taliban fighters waved and smiled at the passengers. The escort managed to clear crowds and get the convoy to the airport. "I'm so happy to be back," said Shirin Pathare, an Air India employee flown out of Kabul. "India is paradise."

US banks on 'safe passage'

The United States is looking to get thousands of its citizens out of the country before August 31, saying the Taliban has guaranteed them safe passage. So far, the US has taken out roughly 3,200 people on 13 flights but around 11,000 remain. State Department spokesman Ned Price hinted that the country might keep some diplomatic staff in the country after August 31. "If it is safe and responsible for us to potentially stay longer, that is something we may be able to look at," Price said.

Dutch blocked

The first Dutch evacuation flight left Kabul without a single Dutch national on board after passengers were blocked by US troops. "The Americans were guarding the gate. I showed my passport and said I was Dutch. But he told me to keep my distance or he would shoot," a man told Dutch media outlet NOS. Foreign Minister Sigrid Kaag said the Americans gave the plane 30 minutes on the tarmac before ordering it to leave, and pleaded for the US to "give us more time".

French embassy emptied

Most people who had sought refuge in the French embassy in Kabul have now been taken out of the country, with almost 200 Afghan nationals among those airlifted out overnight on Tuesday. "Nearly 200 Afghans who worked for France or who are under threat have just been evacuated from Kabul, as well as French and foreign nationals," President Emmanuel Macron said in a tweet, adding that operations would continue. Those taken out overnight included 25 French nationals and 184 Afghans "from civil society in need of protection".

European exodus

Italy's defence ministry said seven planes were working round the clock to take out Afghans who had worked with them, the first flight carrying 85 people due to land later in Rome. The first Spanish plane was on its way to Kabul too, with two more to follow. 14 Norwegians arrived home safely on Wednesday, Greece said a single national had been evacuated, Sweden has now removed all its embassy staff and Austria and Romania have announced similar plans. However, Ireland said it was working with other nations to get 33 citizens out of the country. AFP

Takeover risks emboldening jihadists worldwide, say analysts

PARIS

THE Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan following two decades of US occupation risks emboldening jihadists worldwide, even if the group may already have a tense relationship with the Islamic State extremist group, analysts said.

The rapid ousting of the Western-backed Afghan government by the Taliban, who lost control of Afghanistan in the US-led invasion two decades ago, will provide jihadists with an example of how patience and careful strategy can pay off even after the defeat of IS in Syria and Iraq.

It is also especially symbolic coming just ahead of the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States carried out by Al-Qaeda under Osama bin Laden and planned from Taliban-ruled Afghanistan where he had taken refuge.

"The Taliban's victory will give jihadist groups worldwide a major boost. It makes them believe that they can expel foreign powers, even major military powers like the United States," said Colin Clarke, director of research at the Soufan Centre think tank.

Taliban fighters patrol in the Wazir Akbar Khan neighbourhood in the city of Kabul on Wednesday | AP

Aymenn Jawad Al-Tamimi, a fellow at George Washington University's Program on Extremism, said that the example of the Taliban's patience would convince jihadists around the world to keep fighting, despite the existing hostility between the Afghan fundamentalists and IS.

"When groups see the Taliban celebrating victory, I think it convinces them that if they just keep fighting, eventually those they are fighting will collapse," he added. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

BANGLADESH

Magistrate to lose job over 'midnight trial'

Dhaka: A Bangladeshi high-powered administrative committee has suggested sacking an executive magistrate here for sentencing a journalist to one-year imprisonment, staging a "midnight mobile court" under a "concocted charge", officials said. Bangla Tribune correspondent Ariful Islam earned the wrath of the then deputy commissioner Sultana Parveen and several of her colleagues for his reports on malpractices in the district administration. The police detained Islam last year and brought him before Executive Magistrate Rintu Bikash Chakma's 'mobile court', which sentenced him on the allegation that liquor and cannabis were found in his possession. *PTI*

CHINA

Ruling party expels censor accused of corruption

Beijing: The Communist Party has expelled a leading internet censor and accused him of a range of crimes from corruption to failing to properly guide public opinion. Peng Bo was deputy head of the Leading Group for Prevention and Handling of Cults, set up after the party launched a crackdown against a sect it viewed as a threat to its authority. *AP*

HONG KONG

Cops arrest four from varsity student union

Hong Kong: Four members of a Hong Kong university student union were arrested Wednesday on accusations of advocating terrorism when they paid tribute to an attacker who stabbed a police officer and then killed himself, police said. Those arrested included the president and council chairman of the University of Hong Kong's student union, who were among more than 30 students who attended a meeting last month in which they passed a motion to mourn the 'sacrifice' of the attacker. The arrests are the latest use of a strict national security law that Beijing imposed on semiautonomous Hong Kong last year after months of antigovernment protests. *AP*

Lahore police book 400 people for molesting Pak YouTuber on I-Day

LAHORE

LAHORE police have booked 400 people who allegedly harassed and molested a YouTuber girl on Pakistan's Independence Day at the historic Minar-i-Pakistan, officials said.

The police got into action following the videos of her harassment and molestation that went viral on social media with calls to Prime Minister Imran Khan and Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar to take action against the culprits.

The incident took place on August 14 when hundreds of youngsters were celebrating Independence Day at Azadi Chowk near Minar-i-Pakistan in Lahore.

In the videos, hundreds of young men can be seen throwing the girl in the air for fun, dragging her, tearing her clothes and molesting her. They also took off her shalwar (trouser) and molested her.

"After the videos went viral on Tuesday, the police approached the girl on the order of the high-ups and persuaded her to register FIR," a senior police official told PTI. He said the girl was still traumatised and broke into tears while narrating what had happened to her on Independence Day.

She said in the FIR that she and six other members of her YouTube channel visited Azadi Chowk to record a video clip of the Independence Day celebrations.

"We were shooting the clip when a good number of youngsters started teasing me. They were joined by more and more. Seeing the suspects harassing me, the security guard of the Minar-i-Pakistan Park opened the central gate to let her enter to take shelter. When I crossed the gate and entered the park, the suspects came after me. They tore my clothes and molested me. They dragged and tossed me up in the air for fun. They also beat my team members, and used abusive language," she said and added the humiliation continued for an hour before someone finally managed to rescue her. *PTI*

We were shooting a clip when a group of youngsters started teasing me. Later, they came after me, tore my clothes and molested me. They dragged and tossed me up in the air for fun

The complainant

EXPRESS READ

Shelling in Syria kills 5; at least 15 wounded

Beirut: Turkey-backed Syrian forces and Syrian Kurdish fighters shelled one another's positions here on Wednesday, leaving at least five people dead and more than a dozen wounded. The violence is the latest in northern Syria, which has seen tensions for days between the two sides there. *AP*

NZ orders mask use as new Covid cases found

Wellington: New Zealand's first Covid outbreak in six months has grown to seven people. The announcement on Wednesday came a day after Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern imposed a strict lockdown after the first case was reported. Ardern said the government expects cases to keep rising, and announced a mandate compelling people to wear masks in supermarkets, gas stations and pharmacies. *AP*

'1k killed since military took over Myanmar'

Bangkok: More than 1,000 people have been killed by security forces in Myanmar since the military seized power from the elected government about six months ago, a human rights group said Wednesday. The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners said it confirmed two more deaths on Wednesday, bringing the total to 1,001. *AP*

Residents survey the burned remains of their homes destroyed by forest fire near Grimaud in southern France on Wednesday | AFP

Wildfire raging near French Riviera kills 1, injures 27

BORMES-LES-MIMOSAS

A wildfire near the French Riviera has killed one person and remained out of control as it raged through forests Wednesday, according to local authorities.

French newspaper Var-Matin identified the fire victim as a man who was found dead in his home in the town of Grimaud.

At least 27 people, including five firefighters, have suffered smoke inhalation or minor injuries from the blaze, the prefecture of the Var region said in a statement.

More than 7,000 people who were evacuated from their homes and campgrounds have slept in temporary shelters, according to the prefecture. Over 1,100 firefighters, water-dumping planes and helicopters were being deployed Wednesday to battle the fire, which started Monday evening about 40 kilometers (24 miles) inland from the coastal resort of Saint-Tropez.

The fire had encompassed 7,000 hectares (17,300 acres) of forest by Wednesday morning, the prefecture said.

Wildfires have swept across the Mediterranean region in recent weeks, leaving several areas in smoldering ruins.

In Greece, a major wildfire northwest of Athens, the capital, decimated large tracts of pine forest for a third day on Wednesday. *AP*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
162.78 ▼	Sensex	55,629.49	₹57.4 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,727.6	₹729 ▲	Per kg	₹63,341	▼	Dollar	74.28
45.75 ▼	Nifty	16,568.85	₹57.2 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,708.7	₹0.729 ▲	Per gm	₹63.341	▼	Euro	87.02

Not to settle as SUV-only brand: MG Motor India

Will enter other segments too but current focus is on full utilsation of Halol plant, President & MD Rajeev Chaba tells TNIE

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

MG Motor has no plans to remain an SUV-exclusive brand even as all its products in the Indian market so far have been SUVs, said the company's President and MD Rajeev Chaba.

MG's upcoming product in the Indian market will also be an SUV. Expected to hit Indian roads by Diwali this year, the Astor, MG's upcoming vehicle, will take on established players such as Hyundai Creta and Kia Seltos. The company's two more future products are expected to be SUVs. One is likely to be a sub-compact segment that will compete against the likes of Maruti Suzuki Vitara Brezza and Hyundai Venue while the other one is reported to be an electric vehicle.

At present, MG has four SUVs in its India lineup- Hector, Hector Plus, ZS EV and Gloster. "Yes, we were right with our projection to enter the Indian market with an SUV (Hector). We will get into other segments as well but right now our main focus is to fully utilise our Halol plant and become a profitable and sustainable business," Chaba told TNIE.

To differentiate its SUV from rivals, MG is relying heavily on connected features and artificial intelligence. Chaba said that Astor will have technological capabilities that are unheard of in the segment.

"We are trying to differentiate because the competition in this segment is very tough. Obviously the car has to be very competitive in styling, power, mileage, price and things like that, but we need to do more," Chaba said.

Among many tech related features, Astor will get a personal AI assistant robot and would be equipped with autonomous level 2, which is powered by mid-range radars and a multi-purpose camera that can realise a series of advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS).

MG retails around 4,000 vehicles per month and with Astor it expects the number to surpass 7,000-mark. Halol plant, which was previously owned by General Motors, has a manufacturing capacity of 80,000-100,000 units. MG expects to fully utilise this facility in the next 12-18 months. Asked if the company would be expanding its existing plant or is planning to set-up a new unit in a different state, Chaba said, "We will talk about this in future. We are open to all options."

However, MG's plan to reach peak capacity has few obstacles. Like other automakers, MG is also hit by semi-conductor shortage that is impacting its production. Right now, MG can only fulfill between 70-80% of the total demand.

GDP to grow by 20%, numbers are deceptive, say economists

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIAN economy is expected to see double-digit growth in the first quarter of this fiscal year, but the numbers are deceptive and mainly on account of low base, say experts.

Economists predict the first quarter GDP growth will be anywhere between 18% and 23%, yet the GDP in value terms would be lower than pre-Covid levels.

According to global rating agency ICRA, the Indian economy will grow at 20% for the April-June quarter this fiscal year.

"The double-digit expansion expected in the first quarter of FY22 is deceptively high, as it benefits inordinately from last year's contracted base. We forecast GVA and the GDP to have shrunk by around 9% each in Q1FY22, relative to the pre-Covid level of Q1FY20, highlighting the tangible distress being experienced by economic agents in the less formal and contact-intensive sectors," ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar said.

Last year the GDP had contracted by close to 24%.

Economists claim that the impact of the second wave of Covid-19 infections will drag down the real economic recovery.

"We expect India's 1QFY22 (2Q21) real GDP to grow by 19.6%. With the economy facing the brunt of disruption caused by the devastating second wave, the apparently-high growth would purely be the result of low statistical base effect," says Kunal Kundu, Indian economist at Societe Generale Corporate and Investment Banking.

Kundu further says that given that consumers continue to be under immense stress due to waves of job and income losses and high medical expenditure, domestic consumption will likely grow by only around 18% compared to a 26% plus contraction experienced during 1QFY21.

ICRA adds that the GVA is estimated to contract 15% when compared to the preceding March quarter, which shows the impact of the second wave.

Others have been less optimistic about the GDP numbers.

"The Q1FY22 GDP is expected to grow by 18%. The number will hide more than it will reveal. For example, even as growth in percentage terms will be in high double digits, thanks to a favourable base, in real terms, sub-components such as private consumption or services sub-segments will continue to hurt," Sachchidanand Shukla, chief Economist, Mahindra Group said.

The RBI expects the GDP to expand by 21.4% in the quarter as per its revised estimates released earlier this month.

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DMART'S DAMANI ENTERS TOP-100 BILLIONAIRES CLUB

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MEDIA shy Radhakishan Damani is now among the top 100 of the world's richest people, according to the data maintained by the Bloomberg Billionaires' index. Damani is currently worth $19.2 billion and is positioned at 98 in the rich list. Damani's fortune in 2021 has grown by $4.3 billion or 29%.

The other Indians in the top 100 are Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani, Azim Premji, Pallonji Mistry, Shiv Nadar, Lakshmi Mittal. In 2020, he became the fourth richest Indian with a net worth of $16.5 billion. He was ranked #117 on the global list of billionaire

Damani, a billionaire investor, controls Avenue Supermarts, a Mumbai-based retailer specializing in low-priced consumer goods. Avenue Supermarkets sells food, clothing and other consumer products in more than 200 DMart shops across India. The listed company's stock has soared 32% so far in 2021. Avenue Supermart has a market cap of ₹2.36 lakh crore as on 18 August 2021. Damani, in personal capacity, holds a 34.30% stake in Avenue Supermarts. Trusts controlled by Damani hold another 13.89% in the company.

The self-made billionaire had a very humble beginning. After the death of his father who worked on Dalal Street, Damani left his ball bearing business and became a stock market broker and investor. He quit the stock market in 2000 to start his own hypermarket chain, DMart, setting up the first store in Powai in 2002. The chain had 25 stores in 2010, post-which the company grew rapidly and went public in 2017.

WORTH $19.2 BILLION

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LPG prices hiked by ₹25, 14.2-kg cylinder to cost ₹859.5 in Delhi

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

DOMESTIC cooking gas prices have been hiked yet again by oil marketing companies, this time by ₹25 per 14.2 kg cylinder.

Beginning December 2020, cooking gas prices have been increased eight times till now with only one price cut. This has taken prices significantly higher than pre-pandemic levels, though crude oil is currently trading at around the same price range.

After the latest price hike, domestic cooking gas costs ₹859.5 per 14.2 kg cylinder in Delhi, while it will cost ₹875.5 in Chennai, ₹859.5 in Mumbai and ₹886 in Kolkata.

Domestic LPG prices were hiked last on July 1 by ₹25.5 per cylinder.

For unsubsidised customers, LPG cylinders cost around ₹53 more per cylinder than before the pandemic broke out last March.

However, this surge in prices is far higher for subsidised customers, since the Union government currently offers only marginal freight subsidies for those in remote locations. Beginning May 2020, standard direct benefit transfer subsidies for domestic cooking gas were eliminated, with the government taking advantage of the crash in global crude oil prices last summer to equalise the price of subsidised and unsubsidised cylinders.

However, while crude oil prices have now recovered to their pre-pandemic levels, these standard DBT subsidies have not been restored.

Hence, the surge in prices for subsidised customers in metro cities stands at a massive ₹256 per cylinder compared to the prices during the pre-pandemic period.

Renewable energy developers ramp up green bond issue, raise ₹26,300 cr in H1

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

INDIAN renewable energy developers have sharply ramped up fundraising via the issuance of green bonds in the international markets, with as much as ₹26,300 crore raised through this route in the first half of this calendar year alone.

According to a report from the Council on Energy, Environment and Water's Centre for Energy Finance (CEEW-CEF), this route has seen significant increase in preference during the past few quarters. Indian developers have raised a cumulative ₹78,200 crore since 2014 through green bonds, with two companies—Greenko and ReNew Power—accounting for nearly 70% of all issuances by value.

Proceeds from capital raised through these bonds since 2014 have directly refinanced debt for over 10 GW worth of Indian RE projects. While wind and solar power projects comprise 42% each, hydropower makes up the rest.

The quantum of funds raised have only accelerated during the current year. "Indian renewable energy (RE) developers have issued green bonds worth $3.6 billion in the first half of 2021 alone, beating even previous one-year records," a statement from the CEEW-CEF said.

Such funds have excited substantial market interest, the authors of the study noted, with an average oversubscription of 360%. Asian investors, for instance, have shown significant appetite for such bonds, picking up nearly 50% of these bonds. However, the market remains nascent in India, with only eight developers having accessed the international bond markets as of June 2021.

Of this portfolio of RE projects that have hit the bond market, over 60% are tied to state-run utilities. The report notes that developers in such cases were mitigating payment delay risks by diversifying portfolios.

Gagan Sidhu, Director, CEEW-CEF, and co-author of the study noted that while India's non-hydel RE capacity portfolio has crossed the 100 GW mark, "(India) needs to significantly ramp up capital mobilisation to get to 450 GW by 2030".

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

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— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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Amazon bets on investment biz, puts funds in Smallcase

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

AMAZON has forayed into the burgeoning investment industry in India by betting on a Bengaluru-based wealth-tech start-up Smallcase.

The Series C $40-million fundraise was led by Fearing Capital, Premji invest and existing investors including Sequoia Capital India, DSP Group, Beenxt, Blume Ventures, and WEH Ventures.

The investment is as a part of Amazon's funding strategy in early-stage start-ups in India through its $250-mn Amazon Smbhav fund initiative announced in April this year.

Although both Amazon and Smallcase haven't provided details of whether this will be a strategic investment under which one can invest in equities through the e-tailer's app, this will further the US based firm's ambitions to consolidate its position in the growing wealth management industry.

According to a recent report by the State Bank of India, the country added nearly 44.7 lakh retail investor accounts during the first two months of Q1, FY22 with the confidence of the middle-income group in India's equity market sharply rising. This is particularly true of the millennial investors who wish to invest a part of their savings/income in markets, especially in the face of any adverse circumstances.

For Amazon, this will be the third vertical in the financial services sector apart from the insurance and payment that the e-tailer is now engaged in. It had earlier pumped in ₹700 crore in its payment subsidiary Amazon Pay, bringing the total infusion in the company at nearly $700 million. "By increasing product selection and convenience, this will provide an additional channel for consumers to participate in the equity markets," an Amazon spokesperson said.

Govt launches pilot run of International Bullion Exchange

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on Wednesday launched the pilot run for the International Bullion Exchange, which is set to go live on October 1, 2021.

The finance ministry says the International Bullion Exchange will be a 'Gateway for Bullion Imports into India', wherein all bullion imports for domestic consumption will be channelised through the exchange. "The exchange ecosystem is expected to bring all the market participants at a common transparent platform for bullion trading and provide an efficient price discovery, assurance in the quality of gold, enable greater integration with other segments of financial markets and help establish India's position as a dominant trading hub in the world," the ministry said.

Already, the centre has created a holding company India International Bullion Holding IFSC Ltd (IIBH) for setting up and operationalising International Bullion Exchange, Bullion Clearing Corporation and Bullion Depository in IFSC, GIFT City.

Ready to regain lost ground: HDFC Bank

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRIVATE sector lender HDFC Bank on Wednesday said it is ready with its aggressive plans to "come back with a bang" as it seeks to win back lost market share in the credit card space.

The development came a day after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) partially lifted the 8-month long ban on issuing new credit cards imposed on the bank after repeated instances of technology outages. However, the embargo on introducing new initiatives under Digital 2.0 will continue.

"We have lost customer market share in the last 9-10 months, but I am confident that we will regain and grow our customer market share and revenue market share in the time to come. In the coming months, we will aggressively go to the market, with not just our existing suite of credit cards but also new offerings in the form of co-brands and partnerships," MD and CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan said in a letter to employees.

HDFC Bank said it will continue to engage with the banking regulator and ensure compliance on all parameters. "We will not just 'run the bank' but also 'build the bank' as we go ahead, riding on the digital and enterprise factory with infrastructure scalability, disaster recovery resilience, enhanced monitoring capabilities and security enhancements as the key pillars," Jagdishan said.

EXPRESS READ

Postman raises $225 mn at $5.6 bn valuation

Bengaluru: Software as a service startup, Postman has bagged $225 million in a Series D funding round at a$ 5.6 billion valuation, a significant jump from its $2 billion valuation. This also makes the San Francisco-based firm, which was founded by three Indians , the most valued Saas start-up. The round was led by existing investor New York-based global PE and VC firm Insight Partners, and joined by Coatue, Battery Ventures and BOND.

HIGH WHEELS

Volkswagen's new SUV Taigun takes aim at M&M, Hyundai

PAVAN LALL @ Mumbai

THE auto sector has seen a strong rebound in the last seven months and German carmaker Volkswagen has been a beneficiary of the trend with sales volumes having climbed from around 550 units last year to almost 12,500 units this year until August, the company officials say.

Last year began with the launch of the compact SUV - the T-Roc and the Allspace. Last year SUVs accounted for around 20% of sales and they were around 6% the year before that.

Those sales could see VW push its sales even higher in India with the launch of its brand new SUV - Taigun– which was launched in Udaipur last week, given that it will be the most affordable SUV in the company's portfolio in its size and class.

Ashish Gupta, Brand Director at VW, says that the Taigun made under the AO SUV platform that it shares with its sister brand Skoda Kushaq, will be competitive and the one with the highest amount of Indian content (at 95%). Gupta says Taigun will have the same solidity and quality of steel which is used in company's other models. The car will come with a GT version with different design, gear shift and a sportier driving experience.

Analysts say that Taigun will be a key product for actualising VW Group's India 2.0 vision. "Given its exciting powertrain offerings, it could be the game-changer for VW if priced aggressively," said Suraj Ghosh Associate Director leading the South Asia division of powertrain and compliance forecasts at IHS Markit.

The Taigun SUV is going to go head to head with Hyundai' Creta, Kia's Seltos, lower end variants of MG's Hector and M&M's latest XUV 700.

SUV giant Mahindra & Mahindra recently launched its XUV 700, a brand new medium sized SUV that was launched in Chennai with a new logo and at an aggressive price of around ₹11 lakh. Veejay Nakra, CEO, Automotive Division, M&M, said the Indian SUV market has shown good growth. "We have the XUV300, Bolero and Bolero Neo in the sub 4-meter segment and Scorpio, XUV500, Alturas and now the XUV700 in the large SUV space. Our best-selling SUV last year was Bolero. We are ready to lead the core SUV segment with nine new exciting SUVs planned for launch by 2026," Nakra said.

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2	10965736	Home Finance LAP	1. Leelavathi H A 2. Ramu Nanjegowda	03.08.2021	INR 16,94,387.10/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Property No.6a, Assessment No.8, New No.8/1 And 8/5b, Khatha No.17, Measuring East To West 30ft., And North To South45 Ft., In All Measuring 1350 Sq.ft., Situated At Herohalli Village, Yashawanthapura Hobli, Bangalorenorth Taluk,and, Bounded As: **East: By Mr. Chikkahanumakka Property, West : By Mukunda Property , North: Road, South : Mr. Papaiah Property**
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Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold Ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company, which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far in spite of repeated notices, will be auctioned at the concerned branches on 06.09.2021 at 10 AM.

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KAR-BIDADI: 12858, 12900, 12914, 12932, 12934, 12937, 12958, 12982, 12997, 13017, 13036, 13039, 13040, 13072, 13074, 13081, 13089, 13129, 13182, 13368, 13391, 13486, 13493, 13500, 13504, 13512, 13535, 13548, 13567, 13577, 13631, 13671, 13703, 13722, 13726, 13755, 13776, 13815, 13827, 13831, 13837, 13874, 13875, 13879, 13892, 13895, 13908, 13939, 13988, 13997, 14028, 14046, 14047, 14048, 14052, 14054, 14064, 14073, 14085, 14086, 14087, 14089, 14091, 14092, 14097, 14099, 14101, 14105, 14113, 14116, 14119, 14140, 14147, 14148, 14152, 14153, 14159, 14161, 14164, 14170, 14178, 14180, 14181, 14185, 14188, 14189, 14192, 14195, 14224, 14230, 14231, 14233, 14235, 14246, 14253, 14256, 14257, 14258, 14259, 14261, 14263, 14264, 14265, 14271, 14276, 14277, 14279, 14284, 14285, 14287. KAR-RAMANAGARA: 9404, 9405, 9410, 9416, 9420, 9449, 9482, 9491, 9550, 9551, 9559, 9563, 9584, 9586, 9590, 9591, 9602, 9603, 9604, 9607, 9615, 9616, 9617, 9628, 9649, 9650, 9653, 9655, 9681, 9698, 9740, 9745, 9767, 9793, 9802, 9810, 9831, 9837, 9875, 9882, 9889, 9913, 9916, 9964, 9991, 10064, 10077, 10107, 10111, 10114, 10118, 10119, 10149, 10153, 10154, 10177, 10195, 10230, 10253, 10271, 10283, 10297, 10304, 10316, 10322, 10327, 10328, 10337, 10338, 10339, 10361, 10366, 10367, 10372, 10393, 10399, 10406, 10418, 10423, 10453, 10454, 10455, 10460, 10469, 10479, 10491, 10528, 10550, 10551, 10574, 10576, 10588, 10595, 10621, 10626, 10628, 10629, 10634, 10641, 10643, 10644, 10657, 10672, 10680, 10690, 10709, 10710, 10715, 10761, 10762, 10766, 10770, 10776, 10777, 10792, 10800, 10801, 10802, 10805, 10806, 10809.

MYSORE DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, NO.4583/1, GANESHA TEMPLE ROAD, NR MOHALLA, NEAR MARUTHI CIRCLE, MYSORE - 570007. AUCTION DATE: 13.09.2021
: KAR-AGRAHARA: 8385, 9389, 9448, 9483, 9518, 9597, 9598, 9613, 9658, 9679, 9690, 9695, 9702, 9722, 9776, 9782, 9785, 9801, 9812, 9813, 9818, 9833, 9843, 9856, 9859, 9867, 9880, 9886, 9889, 9890, 9929, 9939, 9952, 9969, 9998, 10009, 10023, 10050, 10079, 10093, 10098, 10099, 10126, 10149, 10161, 10171, 10203, 10217, 10223, 10243, 10245, 10262, 10263, 10267, 10277. KAR-BOGADI: 4988, 4997, 5000, 5008, 5009, 5038, 5040, 5041, 5056, 5064, 5104, 5359, 5360, 5364, 5394, 5396, 5417, 5468, 5505, 5510, 5528, 5530, 5587, 5636, 5637, 5640, 5651, 5653, 5663, 5668, 5669, 5685, 5686, 5688, 5690, 5696, 5697, 5704, 5706, 5708, 5709, 5716, 5717, 5722, 5726, 5727, 5729, 5731, 5732, 5736, 5738, 5746, 5749, 5751, 5752, 5754, 5756, 5766. KAR-CHAMARAJA DOUBLE ROAD: 7944, 7968, 7975, 7984, 8131, 8165, 8189, 8215, 8310, 8315, 8327, 8404, 8413, 8414, 8418, 8419, 8422, 8429, 8481, 8482, 8483, 8490, 8494, 8495, 8504, 8507, 8514, 8532, 8542, 8546, 8555, 8560. KAR-HEBBAL MYSORE: 10061, 10063, 10084, 10335, 10353, 10363, 10399, 10545, 10546, 10699, 10848, 10859, 10935, 11127, 11273, 11366, 11388, 11413, 11416, 11429, 11430, 11432, 11435, 11467, 11468, 11482, 11502, 11522, 11523, 11528, 11544, 11551, 11552, 11553, 11554. KAR-HINKAL: 5547, 5560, 5622, 5980, 5987, 6036, 6047, 6049, 6096, 6110, 6184, 6195, 6196, 6197, 6198, 6199, 6225, 6239, 6350, 6379, 6388, 6407, 6428, 6435, 6439, 6449, 6450, 6452, 6453, 6467, 6475, 6476, 6480, 6481, 6488, 6508, 6511, 6515, 6516, 6520, 6521, 6534, 6541, 6543, 6545, 6546, 6547, 6553, 6566. KAR-KR NAGAR: 10398, 10423, 10458, 10468, 10469, 10482, 10502, 10507, 10538, 10543, 10588, 10655, 10657, 10663, 10667, 10711, 10712, 10724, 10756, 10762, 10775, 10828, 10862, 10910, 10911, 10941, 10958, 11018, 11123, 11147, 11160, 11161, 11187, 11214, 11215, 11216, 11217, 11228, 11237, 11245, 11251, 11258, 11259, 11263, 11270, 11298, 11304, 11315, 11317, 11321, 11326, 11357, 11377, 11400, 11413, 11416, 11417, 11430, 11431, 11435, 11443, 11444, 11447, 11448, 11457, 11460, 11474, 11487, 11526, 11528, 11529, 11561, 11562, 11576, 11601, 11641, 11643, 11651, 11676, 11693, 11699, 11764, 11765, 11767, 11770, 11782, 11787, 11788, 11789, 11790, 11791, 11792, 11793, 11820, 11823, 11829, 11830, 11866, 11880, 11881, 11929, 11936, 11964, 11981, 12006, 12023, 12029, 12055, 12070, 12077, 12099, 12100, 12101, 12123, 12131, 12142, 12152, 12153. KAR-NANJANGUD: 8018, 8079, 8136, 8155, 8192, 8292, 8333, 8360, 8401, 8439, 8471, 8500, 8517, 8519, 8586, 8594, 8610, 8619, 8622, 8676, 8703, 8754, 8769, 8794, 8810, 8826, 8827, 8848, 8853, 8874, 8879, 8891, 8894, 8898, 8904, 8906, 8914, 8917, 8931, 8937, 8943, 8946, 8949, 8952, 8957, 8989, 9008, 9009, 9053, 9061, 9067, 9071. KAR-NR MOHALLA: 14886, 14961, 15057, 15070, 15327, 15329, 15510, 15551, 15597, 15606, 15648, 15755, 15803, 15810, 15816, 15826, 15873, 15901, 15937, 15942, 15965, 15988, 16027, 16033, 16082, 16084, 16089, 16093, 16101, 16109, 16111, 16133, 16146, 16150, 16164, 16176, 16181, 16183, 16199, 16235, 16243, 16249, 16253, 16261, 16266, 16270, 16274, 16275. KAR-PANDAVAPURA: 5904, 6049, 6353, 6357, 6361, 6651, 6682, 6699, 6700, 6752, 6753, 6777, 6785, 6788, 6792, 6796, 6817, 6833, 6834, 6835, 6843, 6857. KAR-SARASWATHIPURAM: 4649, 4696, 4741, 4742, 4748, 4841, 4849, 4850, 4892, 5100, 5106, 5107, 5108, 5117, 5118, 5120, 5125, 5129, 5130, 5131, 5148, 5160, 5162, 5163, 5164, 5165, 5173. KAR-THERESIAN COLLEGE CIRCLE: 13596, 13597, 13605, 13606, 13640, 13644, 13650, 13651, 13655, 13735, 13736, 13768, 13769, 13853, 13854, 13991, 14011, 14024, 14049, 14057, 14061, 14069, 14095, 14171, 14208, 14209, 14238, 14281, 14315, 14431, 14493, 14499, 14500, 14507, 14559, 14602, 14631, 14637, 14647, 14653, 14654, 14655, 14663. KAR-V V MOHALLA: 8077, 8115, 8241, 8258, 8292, 8306, 8307, 8310, 8321, 8337, 8345, 8445, 8450, 8453, 8454, 8455, 8456, 8478, 8532, 8594, 8597, 8659, 8672, 8693, 8724, 8726, 8731, 8744, 8754, 8765, 8789, 8850, 8852, 8856, 8884, 8902, 8911, 8918, 8928, 8933, 8981, 8987, 8998, 9013, 9222. KAR-VIVEK CIRCLE: 7178, 7179, 7241, 7404, 7519, 7520, 7582, 7583, 7653, 7706, 7860, 7914, 7915, 7916, 7920.

TUMKUR DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, 1st FLOOR, TVV CIRCLE, OPP. BHARAT PETROLEUM BUNK, MADHUGIRI - 572132. AUCTION DATE: 13.09.2021
KAR-KORATEGERE: 9718, 9729, 9733, 9734, 9742, 9746, 9788, 9792, 9810, 9814, 9829, 9851, 9869, 9871, 9903, 9911, 9914, 10008, 10227, 10286, 10387, 10396, 10425, 10426, 10502, 10503, 10539, 10562, 10571, 10578, 10585, 10604, 10629, 10634, 10646, 10647, 10697, 10728, 10740, 10741, 10788, 10791, 10794, 10830, 10854, 10871, 10890, 10906, 10907, 10909, 10911, 10912, 10937, 10942, 10948, 10957, 10960, 10965, 10973, 10983, 10990, 10994, 10997, 11007, 11010, 11014, 11020, 11031, 11037, 11044, 11054. KAR-KUNIGAL: 5921, 5976, 5985, 5997, 6040, 6147, 6157, 6190, 6268, 6291, 6353, 6355, 6377, 6396, 6398, 6399, 6404. KAR-MADHUGIRI: 9925, 9926, 9979, 9986, 10002, 10018, 10034, 10050, 10066, 10079, 10088, 10132, 10152, 10212, 10240, 10338, 10438, 10501, 10509, 10515, 10523, 10587, 10616, 10626, 10690, 10703, 10727, 10783, 10803, 10832, 10937, 10946, 10979, 11050, 11051, 11054, 11137, 11173, 11174, 11181, 11203, 11208, 11220, 11243, 11287, 11298, 11330, 11362, 11371, 11375, 11393, 11405, 11417, 11422, 11423, 11424, 11430, 11602. KAR-MANDIPET: 5401, 5405, 5406, 5407, 5409, 5417, 5453, 5455, 5508, 5509, 5536, 5641, 5689, 5738, 5868, 5960, 5972, 5991, 6002, 6010, 6012, 6045, 6048, 6049, 6050. KAR-SIRA: 10051, 10052, 10053, 10054, 10056, 10080, 10126, 10128, 10129, 10130, 10150, 10152, 10155, 10159, 10168, 10175, 10231, 10235, 10245, 10305, 10333, 10345, 10417, 10432, 10561, 10562, 10563, 10730, 10738, 10865, 10874, 10904, 10905, 10907, 10912, 10915, 10964, 10969, 10970, 10996, 11002, 11044, 11050, 11110, 11144, 11148, 11159, 11178, 11181. KAR-TIPTUR: 9656, 9744, 9809, 9834, 9848, 9855, 9856, 9926, 9935, 10074, 10104, 10209, 10238, 10242, 10307, 10340, 10364, 10367, 10387, 10407, 10431, 10433, 10435, 10438, 10449, 10484, 10485, 10505, 10548, 10557, 10603, 10632, 10633, 10686, 10692, 10728.

MANDYA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, NO-422/C, OLD KIKKRE ROAD, NEAR PLD BANK, K R PET - 571426. AUCTION DATE: 13.09.2021
KAR-KR PET: 6254, 6276, 6303, 6306, 6307, 6321, 6350, 6378, 6443, 6447, 6448, 6449, 6450, 6454, 6483, 6560, 6581, 6626, 6627, 6632, 6637, 6655, 6669, 6670, 6711, 6731, 6764, 6783, 6784, 6785, 6788, 6790, 6798, 6804, 6806, 6808, 6809, 6810, 6814, 6823, 6829, 6830, 6832, 6833, 6834, 6854, 6865, 6867, 6877, 6895, 6938, 6955, 6964, 6973, 6975, 6977, 6978, 6979, 7004, 7017, 7052, 7086, 7091, 7100, 7107, 7112, 7118, 7135, 7136, 7139, 7149, 7156, 7157, 7165, 7184, 7190, 7201, 7209, 7216, 7217, 7219, 7222.

BANGALORE DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, NO. 8/14, S M ROAD, NEAR AYYAPPA TEMPLE, JALAHALLI WEST, BANGALORE - 560015. AUCTION DATE: 13.09.2021
KAR-A D HALLI: 8527, 8603, 8672, 8674, 8694, 8697, 8702, 8839, 8840, 8904, 8994, 9116, 9120, 9125, 9128, 9129, 9136, 9143, 9146, 9154. KAR-ANJANANAGAR: 8287, 8304, 8306, 8307, 8309, 8311, 8318, 8319, 8324, 8335, 8351, 8363, 8364, 8373, 8385, 8591, 8592, 8607, 8632, 8634, 8639, 8645, 8650, 8655, 8688, 8721, 8723, 8727, 8750, 8765, 8774, 8783, 8799, 8825, 8839, 8840, 8850, 8863, 8872, 8881, 8897, 8898, 8899, 8900, 8905, 8906, 8941, 8956, 8976, 9043. KAR-ATHEBELE: 4246, 4262, 4266, 4423, 4424, 4448, 4453, 4462, 4496, 4512, 4513, 4514, 4530, 4533, 4541, 4542, 4550, 4551, 4559, 4576, 4586, 4597, 4598, 4609, 4610, 4616, 4619, 4627, 4633, 4634, 4636, 4651, 4657, 4658, 4665, 4668, 4674, 4683, 4693, 4694, 4698, 4711, 4712, 4715, 4718. KAR-BANASHANKARI: 4521, 4522, 4718, 4805, 4806, 4807, 4810, 4832, 4859, 4886, 4887, 4892, 4903, 4910, 4914, 4921, 4956, 4959, 4963, 4971, 4974, 4982, 4984, 4991. KAR-BASAVESHWARNAGAR: 8505, 8530, 8554, 8584, 8592, 8854, 8930, 8953, 8992, 9009, 9027, 9030, 9031, 9032, 9033, 9034, 9068, 9088, 9096, 9123, 9128, 9129, 9134, 9137, 9140, 9142, 9151, 9154, 9158, 9159, 9161, 9174, 9181, 9184, 9195, 9196, 9202. KAR-BOMMANAHALLI: 14422, 14431, 14504, 14544, 14636, 14702, 14718, 14725, 14726, 14732, 14739, 14743, 14750, 14799, 14854, 14863, 14864, 14878, 14899, 14909, 14949, 14955, 14970, 14973, 15011, 15020, 15034, 15063, 15064, 15072, 15082, 15092, 15100, 15101, 15110, 15121, 15137, 15138. KAR-BTM LAYOUT: 7588, 7600, 7811, 7885, 7946, 7958, 8047, 8061, 8062, 8063, 8064, 8065, 8084, 8135. KAR-CHANDAPURA: 7339, 7366, 7387, 7390, 7391, 7429, 7430, 7440, 7599, 7600, 7614, 7661, 7684, 7703, 7717, 7727, 7728, 7741, 7746, 7752, 7823, 7846, 7853, 7855, 7875, 7883, 7894, 7906, 7918, 7931, 7939, 7942, 7953, 7954, 7958, 7960, 7987, 7989, 7990. KAR-DODDA BANASAWADI: 8616, 8634, 8643, 8691, 8693, 8694, 8738, 8740, 8832, 8833, 8878, 8899, 8929, 8940, 8947, 8953, 8959, 8965, 8968, 8998, 8999, 9009, 9019, 9044, 9106, 9112, 9113, 9135, 9150, 9156, 9209, 9212, 9226, 9241, 9259, 9260, 9261, 9265, 9274, 9278, 9282, 9284, 9291, 9297, 9321, 9335. KAR-DODDA BOMMASANDRA: 10303, 10329, 10336, 10358, 10387, 10443, 10444, 10445, 10534, 10692, 10712, 10716, 10756, 10792, 10796, 10857, 10880, 10890, 10893, 10894, 10902, 10910, 10912, 10913, 10923, 10924, 10926, 10928, 10929, 10932, 10938, 10954, 10955, 10956, 10957, 10965, 10967, 10969, 10973, 10981, 10982, 10984, 10995, 10996, 10997, 10998, 11002, 11009. KAR-GIRINAGAR: 7857, 7858, 7859, 7860, 7861, 7924, 8064, 8123, 8207, 8272, 8294, 8296, 8378, 8448, 8464, 8479, 8500, 8504, 8621, 8631, 8633, 8664, 8673, 8688, 8703, 8710, 8728, 8729. KAR-HEBBAGODI: 18168, 18249, 18251, 18266, 18272, 18299, 18317, 18319, 18336, 18337, 18354, 18355, 18356, 18359, 18371, 18426, 18433, 18464, 18539, 18602, 18688, 18696, 18699, 18710, 18718, 18719, 18732, 18740, 18748, 18752, 18787, 18788, 18817, 18821, 18824, 18827, 18871, 18884, 18902, 18969, 18977, 18982, 19020, 19024, 19025, 19026, 19052, 19054, 19064, 19077, 19097, 19121, 19127, 19132, 19139, 19143, 19163, 19169, 19174, 19175, 19179, 19193, 19245, 19262, 19311, 19328, 19340, 19368, 19370, 19425, 19439, 19452, 19453, 19472, 19476, 19483, 19484, 19775. KAR-HEBBAL BANGALORE: 7979, 8023, 8117, 8124, 8153, 8157, 8219, 8266, 8267, 8315, 8333, 8385, 8445, 8466, 8525, 8532, 8540, 8541, 8552, 8555, 8556. KAR-HENNUR: 12952, 12983, 12996, 12997, 13002, 13004, 13025, 13036, 13039, 13093, 13131, 13160, 13213, 13257, 13267, 13305, 13306, 13327, 13344, 13351, 13359, 13377, 13378, 13401, 13451, 13463, 13511, 13515, 13516, 13518, 13524, 13532, 13577, 13655, 13754, 13762, 13775, 13782, 13783, 13789, 13884, 13892, 13901, 13902, 13952, 13954, 13958, 13970, 13971, 13972, 13975, 14013, 14015, 14022, 14043, 14063, 14076, 14083, 14087, 14091, 14095, 14105, 14112, 14113, 14117, 14120, 14131, 14132, 14141. KAR-HOSA ROAD: 23208, 23245, 23314, 23366, 23370, 23408, 23449, 23450, 23491, 23492, 23500, 23501, 23502, 23503, 23507, 23551, 23552, 23560, 23676, 23677, 23705, 23886, 23926, 23931, 23943, 23954, 23978, 23999, 24000, 24046, 24050, 24053, 24065, 24075, 24110, 24130, 24137, 24139, 24140, 24144, 24148, 24149, 24150, 24151, 24152, 24154, 24159, 24163, 24173, 24224, 24253, 24279, 24290, 24295, 24296, 24312, 24318, 24321, 24322, 24346, 24348, 24360, 24363, 24397, 24405, 24406, 24410, 24415, 24439, 24487, 24488, 24489, 24525, 24551, 24554, 24574, 24606, 24608, 24614, 24619, 24624, 24628, 24633, 24637, 24638, 24641, 24648, 24664, 24687, 24695, 24697. KAR-HOSAGUDDADAHALLI: 57. KAR-HOSAKOTE: 13752, 13980, 13985, 13995, 13998, 14060, 14076, 14078, 14088, 14092, 14094, 14109, 14113, 14138, 14168, 14171, 14184, 14204, 14258, 14281, 14378, 14396, 14403, 14424, 14430, 14431, 14433, 14451, 14469, 14513, 14527, 14531, 14536, 14540, 14560, 14585, 14588, 14676, 14710, 14717, 14738, 14745, 14746, 14756, 14758, 14777, 14802, 14807, 14817, 14820, 14823, 14826, 14833, 14845, 14855, 14857, 14859, 14882, 14896, 14898, 14950, 14963, 14976, 14979, 14980, 14989, 15004, 15006, 15024, 15028, 15029, 15037, 15056, 15066, 15074, 15100, 15101, 15103, 15112, 15146, 15153, 15165, 15171, 15182, 15186, 15193, 15196, 15198, 15200, 15205, 15217, 15231, 15236, 15237, 15238, 15241, 15246, 15268, 15286, 15288, 15293, 15308, 15320, 15325, 15331, 15334, 15353, 15372, 15401, 15421, 15436, 15437, 15441, 15446, 15459, 15464, 15466, 15477, 15490, 15497, 15511, 15518, 15544, 15547, 15566, 15596, 15607, 15609, 15653, 15661, 15673, 15682, 15705, 15709, 15714, 15721, 15731, 15742, 15746, 15754, 15755, 15765, 15767, 15771. KAR-HSR LAYOUT: 17985, 18161, 18177, 18186, 18211, 18212, 18223, 18277, 18318, 18323, 18338, 18344, 18504, 18530, 18549, 18550, 18571, 18573, 18575, 18592, 18604, 18643, 18648, 18681, 18683, 18738, 18777, 18788, 18824, 18842, 18843, 18854, 18890, 18927, 18968, 19035, 19141, 19300, 19312, 19313, 19314, 19368, 19412, 19545, 19637, 19643, 19648, 19656, 19658, 19661, 19665, 19676, 19677, 19678, 19682, 19685, 19686, 19695, 19697, 19699, 19701, 19702, 19706, 19707, 19708, 19709, 19710, 19713, 19715, 19716, 19725, 19726, 19729, 19741, 19750, 19763, 19764, 19765, 19780, 19781, 19787, 19792, 19795, 19808, 19809, 19811, 19830, 19844, 19855, 19860, 19868, 19870, 19872, 19873, 19874, 19875, 19876, 19911, 19914, 19920, 19929, 19930, 19931, 19940, 19948, 19951, 19954, 19956, 19963, 19972, 19975, 19988, 19993. KAR-INFANTRY ROAD: 4858, 4952, 4953, 4986, 5005, 5014, 5015, 5019, 5023, 5038, 5043, 5057, 5061, 5079, 5090, 5091, 5092, 5095, 5096, 5097, 5104, 5108. KAR-JALAHALLI: 12135, 12269, 12469, 12470, 12495, 12538, 12557, 12585, 12623, 12630, 12631, 12653, 12676, 12689, 12691, 12714, 12719, 12724, 12732, 12860, 12875, 12895, 12993, 13017, 13018, 13019, 13020, 13055, 13128, 13131, 13143, 13145, 13160, 13167, 13168, 13218, 13219, 13220, 13222, 13238, 13248, 13251, 13252, 13254, 13255, 13256, 13315, 13316, 13319, 13320, 13340. KAR-JAYANAGAR: 8176, 8238, 8251, 8291, 8294, 8455, 8469, 8470, 8496, 8499, 8534, 8659, 8666, 8674, 8676, 8677, 8684, 8699, 8720, 8733, 8735, 8743, 8749, 8750, 8755, 8757. KAR-JP NAGAR: 15501, 15519, 15526, 15560, 15600, 15627, 15631, 15634, 15692, 15701, 15718, 15790, 15831, 15853, 15856, 15877, 15903, 15908, 15958, 16012, 16027, 16037, 16053, 16072, 16086, 16119, 16123, 16126, 16127, 16134, 16145, 16157, 16193, 16233, 16234, 16245, 16254, 16320, 16330, 16350. 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Aditi ready for 19th Major start

Set to compete in her 19th Major, Indian golfer Aditi Ashok will play alongside American Brittany Altomare and Korea's Sung Hyun Park when she tees up at the AIG Women's Open at Carnoustie on Thursday. The 23-year-old, who missed an Olympic medal by a whisker, has played the most Majors by an Indian men or women.

Second innings: Forgotten man Pun eager to pass on boxing lessons

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

"NOW, I'm not overwhelmed by victory nor broken down by loss. Because in life,you never know where you'll wake up tomorrow. Today I may be a champion, but tomorrow, I may be nobody." Som Bahadur Pun told this reporter in 2004 after recovering from Tuberculosis.

His words now sound prophetic. Commonwealth Games silver medal in Manchester (2002), six national titles and a few international medals could have been part of an impressive Wikipedia page. On the contrary, there is none. He and his exploits faded into obscurity.

After years of battle with life and mind, the pugilist is pursuing a new dream. "I want to give back to the sport as a coach and help train champions," he said. He was part of the coaching staff at the National Boxing Academy in Rohtak where the youth and junior boxers were practicing. To the uninitiated, Pun won a silver medal at the same 2002 Commonwealth Games where Mohammad Ali Qamar won gold, first ever for India.

But with Pun, fate played dice with his life. In 2003, he had tuberculosis. He took almost a year to recover. He was crushed but, like a wounded boxer, tried to stagger to his feet and stand. He finally did in 2004. He managed to get into the 2006 Commonwealth Games in 64kg but could not impress. In 2007 he had another serious bout of illness: jaundice and neurocysticercosis (central nervous system disorder due to tapeworm larva infection). By 2008, he had his last bout at the international level at 27. Later, he dabbled with pro boxing in 2017 more out of passion than vocation.

Som Bahadur Pun

Flight on hold

Pun, along with other coaches (youth, junior) and pugilists, were supposed to leave for Dubai for the Asian youth and junior boxing championships (due to start from August 20) on Wednesday. But they couldn't due to improper Covid report document. They are expected to leave on Thursday.

Only solace Pun found was in sport. Boxing is the only qualification he possessed and coaching was all that he could think of. "Because boxing is the only thing I know... thought coaching was the best way to give back to the sport," he said. "I feel very nice that I can teach the same thing I learnt to a youngster. I can help with someone in his career."

He finished his National Institute of Sports programme in 2014-15. He started coaching from 2010 and coached teams of Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura in between. Now, he is part of the youth men's coaching team. "There were a lot of ups and downs in life but I learnt to fight it," said Pun, who works with the Gorkha Training Centre as a Junior Commissioned Officer. Pun's struggles with life were epochal but he has endured them all. "Sports teaches you that. There is always a second chance," he said.

The Boxing Federation of India had been promoting homegrown coaches and former players have already been inducted in various stages. His teammate in Manchester, Ali Qamar, does have a wikipedia page and is the senior women's chief national coach. It took time for Pun to reach the national camp but he is happy to have got a chance with the national team. "I was here last February but the camp got cancelled and this year I joined the camp end of last month," he said. "Things have changed and I can say that the scientific approach and infrastructure have definitely improved from our time," said Pun, whose biggest regret was not being part of an Olympic team. Now he harbours hope of producing one who could win a medal at the Olympics.

Mixed relay bronze at U-20 Worlds

India athletes finish behind Nigeria and Poland with effort of 3:20.60, very close to seniors' mark in Olympics

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

INDIA's senior mixed 4x400 team at the Olympics: 3:19.93. India's junior mixed 4x400 team at the U-20 Worlds: 3:20.60. That's perhaps the starting point behind the country's bronze at the event on day one of the U-20 Worlds in Nairobi on Wednesday.

The winning squad comprised of Barath S (47.12 seconds), Priya Mohan (52.77), Summy (54.29) before a solid anchor leg from Kapil (46.42) secured third place. Nigeria and Poland finished first and second respectively even as some of the better sprinting nations like US and Great Britain skipped the meet.

But the team can only race against the competition that's present and they did that well, especially taking into account

India junior 4x400 mixed relay team celebrates after winning bronze | AFI

they didn't have much time to prepare. "We had camps from 23 July, but few of them could not join because there was nationals in between too. After that we joined and worked as a team and we had baton exchange once in two days...," Priya said during a press conference after the final.

The entire squad for Kenya was only announced earlier in the month after the completion of the junior Federation Cup. But, they did brilliantly to make people sit up and take notice about their bronze winning show.

Also, one has to applaud Priya for her brilliant individual effort in the 400m, where she clocked 53.79s to qualify for the final. The 18-year-old qualified as one of the two best non-automatic qualifiers. It was not an easy task with the Bengaluru girl having competed in the event just two and half hours post the relay heats in the morning. Overall, she ran three races on the day (two heats and one final). "It is a fantastic performance of 3:20.60s which is nearly as fast as the senior team that ran in Tokyo," said AFI president Adille Sumariwalla. "This just goes to show the depth of the program at the junior level, inter-district, where the juniors are capable of competing with our seniors and it is just matter of time that we will be getting more and more medals and Neeraj Chopra has shown the way to all other athletes."

Will this put pressure on the seniors who perhaps underpunched at Tokyo? Yes, if one goes by Sumariwalla's words. "The best athlete will be part of the team," he said. "We have a clear policy. Whosoever runs fastest will be in the 4x400m senior relay team."

In the field events, the javelin throwers impressed as Kunwer Ajai Singh Rana and Jay Kumar qualified for the Final. Kunwer and Jay threw a distance of 71.05m and 70.34m respectively.

Amandeep Singh qualified for the final of the men's shot put with a throw of 17.92. However, in the hammer throw, things did not go as per Vipin Kumar's plan as his throw of 63.17 was not enough for a final berth.

England recall Malan for 3rd Test, Sibley out

AFP @ London

ENGLAND recalled Dawid Malan on Wednesday and dropped opener Dom Sibley from their squad as they looked to bolster their faltering top order for next week's third Test against India at Headingley. India are 1-0 up in the five-match series after a remarkable 151-run win in the second Test at Lord's on Monday where they skittled England out for just 120.

Sibley was one of four ducks in the innings as England, left with 60 overs to bat after India captain Virat Kohli declared, were dismissed with 49 balls remaining.

ENGLAND SQUAD FOR HEADINGLEY TEST (AUGUST 25-29)

Joe Root (capt), Moeen Ali, James Anderson, Jonny Bairstow, Rory Burns, Jos Buttler (wkt), Sam Curran, Haseeb Hameed, Dan Lawrence, Saqib Mahmood, Dawid Malan, Craig Overton, Ollie Pope, Ollie Robinson, Mark Wood

The 25-year-old Sibley has been in a run of poor form for some time, averaging just 14 in the first two matches of this series and under 20 in Test cricket this year.

Malan won the last of his 15 Test caps during a 2018 win over India at Edgbaston.

Headingley is now not only left-hander Malan's home county ground but the Leeds venue is also where the 33-year-old made 199, in his last first-class match, for Yorkshire against Sussex in June. Malan, however, normally bats no higher than number three.

And with the struggling Zak Crawley, who did not play at Lord's, also dropped along with Sibley from a 15-man squad, Haseeb Hameed may now open alongside Rory Burns when the third Test starts a week on Wednesday.

Hameed returned to Test cricket at Lord's with scores of nought and nine but did so batting first-wicket down rather than in his preferred position of opener. Meanwhile, paceman Saqib Mahmood has been called into the squad, with England concerned about the fitness of Mark Wood after the fast bowler suffered a shoulder injury fielding at Lord's.

Defending champion Thiem out of US Open

AFP @ Paris

DEFENDING champion Dominic Thiem announced on social media on Wednesday the "tough decision" to pull out of this month's US Open after failing to recover sufficiently from a wrist injury he picked up in Mallorca in June.

The 27-year-old Austrian, who will also miss the remainder of the 2021 season, said he had been making a good recovery before feeling renewed pain last week. "Unfortunately, I've had to withdraw from the US Open and will miss the rest of the 2021 season," he posted on Twitter. "I'm really disappointed not to be able to defend the title in New York but I haven't recovered from the wrist injury I suffered back in June at the Mallorca Open.

"The past six weeks, I've been following medical advice, wearing the wrist splint, doing exercise to stay in shape before starting to train back on the courts.

"My recovery was going really well but then last week I hit a ball during training and started to feel some pain again. I went straight to see the doctors.

"After some tests, they said that my wrist needs more time, so we've agreed on being conservative and to give my wrist some time to recover. I'll wear the wrist splint for a couple more weeks before starting with exercises and then training with the racquet again.

"It has been a tough decision but I know this is what I have to do. I have a long career ahead of me nd it's important not to take risks and rush back."

Thiem staged a memorable comeback in New York last year, losing the first two sets in the final before beating Alexander Zverev in five.

The World No 6 went on to reach the quarter-finals of the delayed 2020 French Open and the final of the season-ending Masters in London.

However, he struggled with form this year, losing in straight sets to Grigor Dimitrov in the fourth round of the Australian Open. He duly took a break from tennis to "recharge" and on his return reached the semifinals in Madrid.

That was followed, however, by another defeat at Roland Garros where he lost in the first round after squandering a two-set lead against Pablo Andujar. His wrist injury in Mallorca, where he had to abandon against Frenchman Adrian Mannarino, meant missing Wimbledon and the Tokyo Olympics.

On Sunday, another former champion Roger Federer also pulled out of the US Open. The 40-year-old, who has five US Open titles to his name, said he needed further knee surgery and admitted he "will be out for many months".

India get decent draw in Thomas and Uber Cup

NEW DELHI: Indian badminton teams were handed decent draws in the Thomas and Uber Cup Finals, slated to be held between October 9 and 17 at Aarhus, Denmark. The men's team has been clubbed alongside China, Netherlands and Tahiti in Group C, while the women's side will be challenged by last edition runners-up Thailand, Spain and Scotland in Group B.

Japanese GP cancelled for 2nd year over virus

TOKYO: The Japanese GP has been cancelled for a second year over "ongoing complexities" with Covid-19, Formula 1 said. The race was due to take place at Suzuka on October 10, but F1 said the Japanese government had pulled the plug due to the country's pandemic situation.

EXPRESS READ

GAME GOES ON

Afghanistan cricketers train at the Kabul International Cricket Stadium on Wednesday. The team will host Pakistan in Hambantota, Sri Lanka for three-match ODI series in September | AFGHANISTAN CRICKET BOARD

Ravinder settles for silver, Bipasha enters final

UFA (RUSSIA): Ravinder settled for silver after being outwitted by his Iranian opponent but Bipasha emerged a surprise finalist in the women's 76kg to keep India's gold medal hopes alive at the junior World Wrestling Championship, here. Making full use of repechage route, Yash (74kg), Pruthvi Babasehb Patil (92kg) and Anirudh (125kg) grabbed bronze medals as India finished their men's free style campaign with six medals.

Dravid only candidate for NCA post

PTI @ New Delhi

FORMER India captain Rahul Dravid has reapplied for the position of Head of Cricket at the National Cricket Academy, a development that should end speculations about him replacing Ravi Shastri as head coach of senior national side after the T20 World Cup in November.

BCCI had to invite applications since Dravid's two-year contract had ended. As per the new constitution, there is no provision for extension and the hiring process has to start afresh. "Yes, Rahul has reapplied for the post of Head of Cricket. You don't need to be a genius to guess that he is going to continue after the tremendous work he has put in to change the face of NCA, which is now truly a centre of excellence," a senior BCCI source privy to development told *PTI* on conditions of anonymity.

"In fact, as of now, save Rahul, there are no other prominent names of stature who have applied for the post."

It has been learnt that the BCCI has decided to extend the deadline for submission of applications by a few more days to ensure that interested candidates get enough time to apply.

"BCCI brass has decided to extend the deadline from August 15 by a few more days. When Rahul is in fray, everyone knows that there is little meaning in applying for the post. It's more of a formality but yeah to be fair, a few more days are there if anyone feels that he would like to throw his hat in the ring," the source added.

Dravid after the tour of Sri Lanka had in a roundabout manner expressed his apprehensions about taking up a full-time role with the Indian team.

SUPER LIFT FOR BAYERN

Robert Lewandowski netted a double as Bayern Munich beat Borussia Dortmund 3-1 in the German Super Cup to give coach Julian Nagelsmann his first win in charge on Tuesday. Highlights from the contest...

POLISH SHOW

The Poland star, who scored a record 41 goals in the Bundesliga last season, opened the scoring in the 41st minute and got the decisive third goal in the 74th after Marco Reus had pulled one back for Dortmund. Dortmund striker Erling Haaland, who dazzled last Saturday with three assists and two goals in a 5-2 thrashing of Frankfurt, had a frustrating night. Both teams wore black armbands out of respect for legendary Bayern striker Gerd Muller, who died Sunday aged 75.

WELCOME BOOST

It was a welcome win for Bayern, who were winless in four pre- season friendlies before drawing the opening game of the new Bundesliga season 1-1 at Borussia Moenchengladbach. Nagelsmann has earned a trophy, which Bayern also won last year against Dortmund in Munich, with his first win in charge. "This title is just the beginning, we still have a lot to do," wrote Bayern's new CEO Oliver Kahn on Twitter.

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Lewandowski has now scored 24 goals in as many games against Dortmund, where he spent four years from 2010-2014.

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Bayern's sixth straight win over Dortmund was a clear reminder of their status as Germany's top club.

This means a lot to me. We've won our next title and for the spectators it must have been a really cool game to watch. It's something really great for the team which we can enjoy.

Robert Lewandowski, Bayern Munich forward

RESULT: Borussia Dortmund 1-3 Bayern Munich

FOOTBALL

AFC Cup: Bengaluru go down to ATK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

IN THE lead up to the Bengaluru FC and ATK Mohun Bagan clash in the AFC Cup, there were talks of how the latter had a better head to head record last season in the ISL, winning both the games. The Mariners continued that dominant run, defeating Bengaluru FC 2-0 with Roy Krishna and Subhasish Bose scoring in the Group D clash at the National Stadium, in Maldives, on Wednesday.

It looked a much tighter game in the first 20 minutes and the Blues did enjoy some good possession. Despite a few attempts on goal, they did not test ATK-MB goalkeeper Arminder Singh much in that period. As the game progressed, the Mariners gradually upped their game and started pressurising Bengaluru's defence.

Hugo Boumous, who signed for ATKMB from Mumbai City last month, was one of their standout performers, spraying those creative balls and testing Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, who was kept quite busy in the first half under the bar. The attacking midfielder alongside Krishna were a constant threat. The latter scored a header to help his team take the much-deserved lead in the 39th minute.

Bengaluru's Jayesh Rane (l) in action against ATK Mohun Bagan | BFC MEDIA

After the first half-break, Bengaluru might have hoped of bouncing back early on, but the opposite happened. In the first minute of the second 45, Subhasish scored for ATKMB to double their lead.

It made matters difficult for Sunil Chhetri and co, who understood the need to take their game to the next level, and they did to an extent, but lacked in the final third. In search of goals, Bengaluru brought in the likes of Leon Augustine and Bidyashagar Singh as well, but the Blues never opened their goal account.

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Ashwin, Shubham shine in Visweswarapuram win

BENGALURU: Visweswarapuram Cricket Club (1) thrashed Friends XI Cricket Club (Doddaballapura) by 313 runs in the KSCA Group I - I, II and III division U19 years inter club tournament. It was one of those days, where Visweswarapuram batsmen could do nothing wrong. Ashwin Santosh and Shubham Biswal proved to be their big stars of the day, scoring 103 and 112 runs respectively. Maanik Bhardwaj also hit an unbeaten 88, pushing their team to 438/5 in 50 overs. And then Arnav Gokhale scalped four wickets to dismiss Friends XI for 125 runs in 29.1 overs only. Huzaifa M Bagi and Aaryan Santosh also scalped two wickets each.

Halep earns injury comeback win

AFP @ Los Angeles

SIMONA HALEP earned her first victory since last May's calf injury pause as the three-time finalist defeated Magda Linette 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 on Tuesday at the ATP-WTA Cincinnati Masters.

Halep only returned to the Tour last week in Montreal, losing in the opening round. She remained confident that progress was not far away after her injury in Rome three months ago.

The Romanian defeated her Polish opponent for a second time, taking just over two hours. "It was a strong match. In my opinion, both of us played really well," the 29-year-old said. "Maybe the rain delay helped me a little bit to find energy. I was a little bit stronger physically and mentally in the third set. "It means a lot, I'm really happy to win. It's always important to have victories when you come back from an injury."

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INNOVATION SPACE

Taking Storage to a World of Care

Safe Storage is India's leading storage company managed by professionals, which offers a wide range of storage solutions ranging from household storage to records storage management. It is one of the most innovative storage companies in India & only one in Bengaluru with state-of-the-art security facilities. Its storage facilities are designed to offer economical and easily accessible storage space for household and business customers. It features affordable, convenient and secure facilities to care about client's belongings.

In the year 2015, a concept of storage facilities for appliances, documents or automobiles did not exist in India. Such services are required by IT professionals who travel abroad for a short period. Ramesh Madisetty was one such IT professional who had to go abroad and was faced with this dilemma. It was then that he came up with the idea of Safe Storage as a solution to this common problem.

With the motto **"We Make Storage Easy, Flexible and Affordable"** and **"We store anything you care"**, Safe Storage is headed by Ramesh Madisetty, CEO & Co-Founder. Since its inception, Ramesh has spearheaded the working of Safe Storage with his two Co-founders —Venu Madhav M, COO and Nageswar M, CFO. Under his leadership, the organisation aims to be present across 9-plus cities in India by this year end.

According to Ramesh, Safe Storage is India's leading storage solution provider that stores and manages household appliances, corporate documents, office furniture and support space for small-scale businesses in Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune & Mumbai. "We offer a wide range of storage solutions from household storage to record storage management with state-of-the-art security facilities. Safe Storage's vision is to provide a one-stop destination for all business & personal storage needs for the short- and long-term with cost-effective, highly secured, reliable, flexible, customised and on-demand storage space at client's convenience," he said.

The company was launched in 2015 in a small one BHK apartment. From its humble beginnings, where it took them about two months to get their first customer with only 10 leads, the company has today scaled up to 2800-plus leads in a single day with 60-plus pickups and moving 1000-plus customers' household goods to warehouses in a month.

Today, the company has over 8.5 lakhs square feet space spread across 30-plus warehouses.

Safe Storage is a pioneer in offering storage services in the country. They have raised the standards and set a benchmark in the storage industry. Safe Storage has facilitated space for 15000-plus personal storage clients and 300-plus corporate clients for document storage & tape vaulting.

"Safe Storage strives to provide a safe, secured and insured space, making storage experience easy with all the necessary care, using fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and periodical pest control," said Ramesh.

The Safe Storage team is currently a family of 250 members across divisions —Technology, Digital Marketing, CRM & Sales department.

"Today, Safe Storage has 8.5 lakhs square foot space spread across Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune & Mumbai with 30-plus warehouses. We do offer renting/ leasing services based on the requirement of B2B client," revealed Ramesh and added that their long-term goal is to be a one-stop shop solution for all storage needs in India.

The company also has exciting plans for expanding its business footprint across the country. Safe Storage is looking to be present in nine cities in India by end of 2021. Apart from storage business, Safe Storage will also be venturing into the packers and movers business. They are also looking into feasibility of co-working spaces and last mile delivery.

Commenting on the SWOT of the company, Ramesh said, "Our capacity for space and logistics is our strength. We have presence across five major cities in the country. Another strength is technology. We have a very strong inhouse tech team to create solutions for every challenge we face in day to day tasks. We are working on implementing Machine learning, Deep learning and AI in warehousing and logistics."

According to him, the only weakness is spreading the concept across India. "As for opportunities, work from home being a standard practice for the unforeseeable future, there is some uncertainty about when working professionals would go back to their cities of work. So Safe Storage can store their belongings safely. Also, since everything is now online, we have huge potential to store for e-commerce organisations as well. As for threats, many start-ups and organisations are coming up in this space," he said.

The company is currently using various media platforms to talk about the self-storage industry whilst also highlighting Safe Storage's expertise and technological prowess.

The company is serving 15000+ household storage clients, which generates 90% of revenue and other 10% revenue comes through corporate clients for storing documents, tapes and renting out temporary space for the excess inventory or supporting space for MSME.

"In India, the self storage industry is relatively young and we have not tapped the full market potential. There are many players in the industry who offer similar services, but we are one of India's largest players in terms of space owned. With that said, COVID 19 pandemic has created a huge demand for storage units, especially with WFH scenario and people moving out of rented accommodations, back to their hometown," said Ramesh.

Their future plans include expansion of storage services across India, automation and innovation in warehousing and logistics using AI and ML models and spreading the concept of self storage and help the community to grow in India.

The company is Startup India Recognised (DPIIT Certified), ISO 9001 Certified and even received an award for India's top 25 tech companies for the year 2021.

WHY CHOOSE SAFESTORAGE

- 24-hour dedicated security & CCTV cameras.
- Controlled access to storage area using a Biometric Access Denial System.
- Smoke detectors as well as fire controlling devices to ensure protection against fire.
- Storage on wooden pallets that keeps belongings safe & dry
- Quick & easy retrieval of goods when required.
- Sophisticated barcode-assisted software to track each item in the facility.

Safekeepers: The Minds Behind the Assurance

Ramesh Madisetty, CEO & Co-Founder of Safe Storage has a Bachelor's Degree in B. Tech from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University and PG Diploma in machine learning from IIITB. With over 10-plus years of professional experience in the IT sector, Ramesh currently heads the Technology, Digital marketing, CRM and Corporate Sales verticals at Safe Storage. "Great Companies are built by Great People and we have the lowest attrition rate (<2%). Our employees contribution is key for our success. We have a great team with passion in execution," he says.

Venu Madhav M, COO and co-founder has 11-plus years of IT experience in project management and delivery. He led IBM ZOS Admin team and successfully delivered multiple projects. Venu has completed MCA from BIT Mesra. "Involvement in every step to understand the customer needs, challenges and quick resolving of issues faced has been key factor to success. We never compromised on the quality and ensured that every employee in all verticals follow the same. We also have regular monitoring & mentoring for process improvement and better customer satisfaction," Venu says.

Nageswar M, CFO, has 16 years of IT experience in project management and delivery for Top IT companies like Sapient, Target, Sharp, etc. He has sound knowledge on Supply Chain Management domain and also worked for 10 years in mechanical and sales sectors. Nageswar got graduated in Mechanical Engineering from Andhra University. "We have always believed in quality service and customer satisfaction. These two factors played a vital role in the success of Safe Storage," he says.

ONE-STOP SHOP FOR ALL STORAGE NEEDS

With multiple services on offer, Safe Storage makes for an ideal solution

Household Storage

During relocation (travelling abroad, work from home, temporary shifting during renovations) storing goods in self-storage spaces has become the new normal for many users across cities. Customers are availing storage facility during renovation or to store excess inventory. Safe storage provides short term, long term and temporary storage space that are designed to offer economical and easily accessible storage options

Business Storage

SafeStorage also supports with space for small-scale businesses in Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune and Mumbai. SafeStorage's vision is to be one stop destination for all business & personal storage needs for short term and long term. SafeStorage offers with cost-effective & highly secured storage space whilst following all safety measures. It is a reliable, flexible, customized and on-demand storage space at client's convenience.

Document Storage

SafeStorage provides 'Records Management' service for all corporates to store their company documents. They provide Document conversion, Data entry and Indexing of records to make storage is secure, flexible and convenient. Quick and easy retrieval of files when required and Professional archiving of critical documents.

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DAY'S DIARY

Happy birthday

Chairperson of Infosys Foundation, English and Kannada author, and columnist, Sudha Murthy was born on this day in 1950

MANY FIRSTS

Sudha was the only woman in her Computer Science class. When she joined work, she raised the issue of gender bias. She became TELCO's first female engineer

AS AN AUTHOR

Her experiences at work and her memories of growing up in a small town led her to become an author. Her first book was *How I Taught My Grandmother to Read & Other Stories*

SOCIAL WORK

She is actively involved in social work in the field of education, women empowerment, poverty alleviation, healthcare, public hygiene, art and culture among others

Drone Pratham in the making

PG 4

(L-R) Vainidhi Jagdish, Chaitra Vasudevan, Vaisiri Jagdish, Vaibhavi Jagdish

We might be in a virtual age, but Sandalwood stars are keen to recreate celebrations from their childhood this Varamahalakshmi

TIMELESS TRADITIONS

EXPRESS FEATURES

THE festival season is upon us and Varamahalakshmi, which falls on Friday, is all set to kick off the festivities. Dedicated to goddess Lakshmi, South Indians across the globe are ready to welcome the goddess with puja, sweets and, of course, new clothes. Sandalwood stars share some of their favourite memories associated with the festival and how they plan to celebrate this year.
(With inputs from Anila Kurian)

VAINIDHI JAGDISH, ACTOR

The festival this year is going to be a quiet one for actor Vainidhi Jagdish as her grandmother passed on earlier this year. The *Yaana* actress says, "The celebrations will be low-key and we will only be doing the regular puja at home."

Nevertheless, she reminisces about the days when her *ajji* was alive and Varamahalakshmi would be a grand one. Jagdish says, "*Ajji* used to wake up early and force us to take hot oil baths. We have a mango tree in the backyard; we used to pluck the leaves and tie them on the door. We relished her dishes like *obbattu, payasa* and *pulav* – it was a grand feast."

Her grandmother also used to teach them how to draw rangoli patterns. "We used to sit together and watch our favourite TV programmes. She taught us how to draw rangoli too. We miss those days. We feel that it's important to carry the tradition forward and remember *ajji* in the years to come," Jagdish shares.

MANSORE, DIRECTOR

Filmmaker **Mansore**, who recently married his long-time girlfriend, **Akhila**, is looking forward to his first Varamahalakshmi celebrations with his new family. It's going to be a busy day with his mother having planned a puja at home.

Sharing memories from growing up, the *Nathicharami* director remembers his mum asking him to sketch goddess Lakshmi. "I used to attend art classes and my mother would tell me to draw according to the festival," he says.

SHWETHA SRIVATSAV, ACTOR

Varamahalakshmi equals sweet memories for actor **Shwetha Srivatsav**, whose daughter **Ashmitha Srivatsav**, also celebrates her birthday around the same time. "My daughter was born 10 days before the festival and that's a blessing in itself. I believe that every girl child in a home is equal to Lakshmi coming home," she says.

Growing up, it was the gathering with friends and family that kicked off the festivities. Srivatsav says, "Everyone used to come together, eat good food and have a gala time. The celebration with close ones is something we cherish over any materialistic pleasures."

She recalls how she and her cousins had a blast as children, a bond that has only evolved over the years. "Ashmitha is four now. She loves getting decked up to prepare for the puja and celebration. However, since everything is turning digital these days, I believe it's important for children to understand the traditions better. I want her to inherit the practice of partaking in cultural activities during festive occasions. That's how we love to celebrate all festivals," she says.

Suraj Gowda with mom Surekha and sister Suraksha

SURAJ GOWDA, ACTOR

Varamahalaskhmi celebrations for actor Suraj Gowda are always in Mysuru, as his family lives there. "We would decorate the house for the puja in the mornings. Relatives would come over in the evening when we would offer gifts," he says.

With Varmahalakshmi being the start of a festive season, Suraj always looks forward to this Friday festival. "For me, it's all about my mother getting busy with preparations, which meant she wouldn't have time to tell me to study all the time," he says with a laugh. "She's also a great cook and loves making a variety of sweets. Playing lots of games with cousins is also one of my favourite memories of these days," says Suraj.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar; 2) 1969; 3) KC Reddy

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Ajay Pai
2. Rajendra MP
3. Sankar K Murthy

CITY READ

HAL backs Akshaya Patra Kitchen to serve 7,500 kids

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) sponsored Akshaya Patra Kitchen, was inaugurated by R Madhavan, CMD, HAL at Guniagrahara village in Bengaluru on Wednesday. The kitchen will serve 7,500 children every day and is the fourth of its kind in the city. "We are proud to be associated with this noble cause as we believe education and food are integral to children's growth," said Madhavan.

DELISH DEAL

Celebrity chef Suresh Pillai is all set to launch his restaurant in time for Onam

ANILA KURIAN

THERE are two moods to chef Suresh Pillai's Instagram account – the mouth-watering dishes he makes and the people he lovingly feeds. And these include some of the top names in the world... Rahul Dravid, Virat Kohli and Chris Gayle. Later this week, Pillai will be launching his restaurant in Whitefield where he'll be serving some Onam delicacies. The Quilon Sadhya will have 26 types of savoury items and three types of payasam with boti. "I'm bringing most of the ingredients from Kerala so that Bengalureans can enjoy Onam the way it should. It's going to be a takeaway and delivery service," he says. In fact, Pillai recalls meeting Kohli a couple of times who is a big fan of the Kerala sadhya. "He's vegan and a majority of the items for sadhya are vegan-friendly. Though it can be a heavy meal, he ends up having it for lunch and dinner when he visits," he says.

Pillai is no stranger to Bengaluru or the famous boys from here. Back when he was working at Veeraswamy in London, Pillai says that Anil Kumble and Rahul Dravid had dined at the restaurant. "From what I remember, Dravid had *paneer makhani, green leaf bhajiya and naan*. Kumble ordered the *Malabar prawn curry, pineapple curry* and *appam*. This was more than a decade ago," he exclaims.

Given his reputation, he's getting requests by the minute from Bengalureans who are keen to taste his dishes. In the many years that he's been in the culinary industry, Pillai has gone from working as a waiter in Kollam, Kerala, headed Coconut Grove restaurant and worked at The Leela in namma Bengaluru, then at the Veeraswamy in London and is now corporate chef and culinary director at The Raviz Hotel in Kerala.

Apart from the cricketers, chef Pillai has a special love for the city. "Bengalureans are discerning about their food. They know the flavours they want. That's why I'm thrilled to bring a piece of home to the foodie city and celebrate Onam."

(The Quilon Sadhya will be available on August 20-22 at ₹999 per sadhya. To pre-book, call 8943150000 or 8943250000)

Cricketer Chris Gayle sampling some of Suresh Pillai's delicacies; (below) Virat Kohli with Pillai

FAVOURITE PICKS

If Roger Federer enjoys Pillai's butter chicken and naan, Tiger Woods visits for his Sri Lanka Kottu Rotti. In fact, he made his signature Neymeen Nirvana, a pan-fried fish cooked in thick coconut milk for Gayle during one of his houseboat trips in Kerala.

ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

Robotics Operating Workshop is an online event hosted by Team Academy that teaches how to build a re-configurable framework for robotics applications.
When: Aug 20
Details: allevvents.in

CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Rachna Takawale will be teaching her first-ever Copperplate Calligraphy Workshop. She will share her knowledge on the rules and tricks of traditional calligraphy in depth.
When: Aug 21-22
Details: allevents.com

WELLNESS FAIR

Virtual Global Psychic, Holistic Health and Wellness Fair is an online nine-hour event, where 15 speakers who are healers, psychics, authors and musicians, come together to help you replenish and recharge.
When: Aug 28-29 **Details:** allevents.in

MACRAME WORKSHOP

Macrame by Nisha Anuj is a two-day online event where the participants will be taught Marame knots for beginners, different types of knots, keychain mobileand key holder.
When: Aug 21
Details: allevents.in

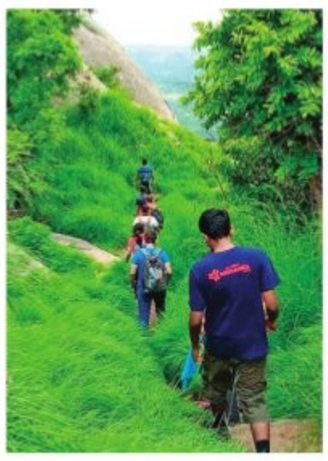
CATCH COMEDIAN **SOMNATH PADHY** AT UNCENSORED LIVE AT BISTRO CLAYTOPIA, KORAMANGALA **WHEN:** AUG 22-29 **DETAILS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Art exhibition

Budding artiste Manju Lata's solo contemporary art exhibition exhibits art with deep meaning about nature, motherhood and natural phenomenon. This event is organised under the guidance of Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath. **When:** Aug 23-29 **Details:** 10times.com

Learn Mandala Art

Join the Mandala Art Workshop brought to you by Hobby Station, now to discover therapy and meditation in the form of art. It is not just a regular painting, but creating mandalas is an ancient South Asian form of art that provides spiritual healing. **When:** Aug 19 **Details:** bookmyshow.com



Trek Day

Get yourself a ticket for Kalavantindurg One Day Trekking event and go trekking to Kalavantindurg, and witness the mind-blowing views of the Sahyadri mountain ranges. The trek fee costs ₹1,200 per person and the age suitability is between 15 to 45 years. Hrushikesh, the trek leader will guide you throughout the journey.
When: Aug 19
Details: insider.in

Come together, share stories

Are you already exhausted staying home? Enrol yourselves in The Three Worlds: Story| Storytelling| Storyteller Online Workshop as Akhshay Gandhi and Aetkhojbring to you a creative journey of storytelling. This is an extensive workshop where you can hone your imagination and craft to become a storyteller.
When: Aug 21 **Details:** insider.in

Dance classes

This is an offline dance workshop that helps one to groove to the rhythms of Salsa and Bachata music forms. Motley Dance Company will also introduce one to the world of Latin social dancing.
When: Aug 21 onwards
Details: highape.com

Images workshop

The iconic Images event, hosted by the Indian Art and Design Educators Association, is an online interactive workshop designed to investigate and question why we react to images in a certain way.
When: Aug 24 **Details:** townscript.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com

PALAK CORN CURRY

INGREDIENTS

- **Spinach (palak) purée:** 3/4 cup
- **Blanched and chopped spinach:** 1/2 cup
- **Boiled sweet corn kernels:** 1 cup
- **Ghee:** 1/2 tbsp ■ **Cumin seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Garlic:** 2 tsp, finely chopped
- **Green chillies:** 2 tsp, finely chopped
- **Ginger:** 1 tsp, grated ■ **Salt** to taste
- **Fresh cream:** 2 tbsp
- **Garam masala:** 1/4 tsp
- **Chilli powder:** 1/2 tsp

METHOD

- Heat ghee in a non-stick kadhai and add the cumin seeds.
- When the seeds crackle, add the garlic, green chillies and ginger and sauté on a medium flame for 1 minute.
- Add the spinach purée, spinach, corn, salt, 1/4 cup of water, fresh cream, garam masala and chilli powder, mix well and cook on a medium flame for 2 to 3 minutes, while stirring occasionally. Serve hot.

— Gargi Banerjee, New Delhi

SOUND BOARD

GETTING CURIOUS
This podcast is a weekly exploration of all the things Johnathan Van Ness (Queer Eye, Gay of Thrones) is curious about. Jonathan Van and a team of experts, take us on a journey as they get curious about anything and everything under the sun.
- On Spotify

MYTHS AND LEGENDS
Through this podcast, Jason Weiser tells stories from myths, legends, and folklore that have shaped cultures throughout history like the tales of Aladdin, King Arthur, and so on. The stories are sourced from folklore but are retold for modern ears.
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HARDCORE HISTORY
In this podcast, the very unconventional Dan Carlin takes his 'Martian', outside-the-box way of thinking and applies it to the past.
- On Spotify

YOURS POSITIVELY
This podcast by Poonguzhali provides informative content on mindfulness, self-development, and motivation. The podcast which is in Tamil helps you to introspect, realise your best values, and reach greater heights.
- On Spotify

HIDDEN BRAIN
In this podcast, Shankar Vedantam uses sciences and storytelling to reveal the unconscious patterns that drive human behaviour, shape our choices, and direct our relationships.
- On Google Podcast

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

ADHYAKSHA
Chandru and Aishwarya, two classmates, assist each other during difficult times in their lives. However, trouble begins when they end up falling in love with each other.
- Cast: Sharan, Chikkanna

TARAK
Tarak moves to India after his parents' deaths and soon falls in love with Meera, a kind and selfless woman. However, their relationship soon hits a rough patch.
- Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Devaraj

GOOGLY
Sharath and Swathi meet in Bangalore and fall in love but due to misunderstandings, they drift apart. However, a few years later, destiny brings them face to face at a friend's wedding.
- Cast: Yash, Kirti Kharbanda

KIRATHAKA
Nandisha, a gambler and drinker, falls in love with Nethra, who belongs to a rival village. He then decides to elope with her but has to deal with the rivalry between their communities.
- Cast: Yash, Oviya

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW I MADE FRIENDS WITH REALITY
BY EMILY LEVINE
Emily Levine meets her ultimate challenge as a comedian/philosopher: she makes dying funny. In this personal talk, she takes us on her journey to make friends with reality and peace with death. Levine says: "You enrich it as best you can, and then you give it back."

2 A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF ONE OF EARTH'S WEIRDEST ANIMALS
BY GILADO BINO
Waddling along with the parched Australian earth, a female platypus is searching for freshwater. She barely survived and was unable to reproduce. Could the next year bring a change in luck? Gilad Bino traces.

3 DO SCHOOLS KILL CREATIVITY?
BY SIR KEN ROBINSON
Sir Ken Robinson makes an entertaining and profoundly moving case for creating an education system that nurtures (rather than undermines) creativity. He challenged the way we educate our children, championing a radical rethink of how our school systems cultivate creativity and acknowledge multiple types of intelligences.

4 3 RULES FOR A ZERO-CARBON WORLD
BY NIGEL TOPPING
Nigel Topping says every human and natural system, from oil extraction to the flight of a flock of starlings, can be seen as a set of repeating patterns. He shares three rules of radical collaboration that could positively disrupt the patterns and help tackle climate change.

5 MATH IS FOREVER
BY EDUARDO SÁENZ DE CABEZÓN
With humour and charm, mathematician Eduardo Sáenz de Cabezón answers a question that's wracked the brains of bored students the world over: What is math for? He shows the beauty of math as the backbone of science.

FIT BIT

ARDHA SUPTA VIRASANA

(HALF RECLINING HERO POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'ardha' means half, 'supta' means reclined, 'vira' means hero and 'asana' means pose. It is a reclining yoga pose and a variation of Supta Virasana (reclined hero pose). It stimulates the Anahata (heart) and Manipura (solar plexus) chakras. The Anahata chakra is associated with harmony, peace, purity, compassion and forgiveness. The Manipura chakra is associated with fearlessness and firmness. Practising this pose is one way to ease the transition between our usual forward bending and moving into back bending.

STEPS

- From a seated position on the heels, extend the right leg out in front of you, slide the left foot out so that the buttocks can rest on the floor with the heel next to the hips.
- Slowly and carefully walk the hands behind you, lowering the back towards the floor.
- Try to come as low to the floor as comfortable, first lowering to the elbows, then to the crown of the head and eventually on to the back of the neck.
- Rest the hands alongside the body or along the floor over the head with the palms together. Hold for 4-8 breaths.
- To come out from the pose, hold on to the ankles or feet and press into the elbows using the arms to lift the head and torso back off the floor. Walk the hands back to the hips, coming back to a seated position.
- **Repeat on the other side.**

BENEFITS

- Relieves asthma, indigestion, headache, flat feet, sciatica, menstrual discomfort and insomnia.
- Promotes courage and a sense of calm. Balances body and mind.
- Stretches the front of the thighs and increases flexibility in the knees, hips and spine.
- Lengthens and expands front body muscles.

LIMITATIONS

- If you have back, knee, or ankle problems, avoid this pose.
- Practise under the guidance of an experienced yoga instructor.
- Pregnant women can practise with a blanket underneath the buttocks so the uterus is not pressed downwards.
- Raising the arms makes breathing easy.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

DIA (Kannada)
Dia takes three years to confess her feelings to Rohith but after a terrible accident, she is told he didn't survive. Later, when she starts seeing Adi, she finds out that Rohith is still alive.
- Cast: Pruthvi Ambaar, Kushi, Dheekshith Shetty
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

ANGREZI MEDIUM (Hindi)
Though Champak initially disapproves, he eventually does everything in his power while going through a series of hilarious mishaps to fulfil his daughter's dream of going to London to study further.
- Cast: Radhika Modan, Irrfan Khan, Ananya Pandey
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

ROBERRT (Kannada)
Raghava lives with his son and is the head cook in a Brahmin's catering unit. He lives peacefully, wanting the best for his son. All seems to go well until some skeletons tumble out of his closet and he is forced to take on his original avatar.
- Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Asha Bhat, Sonal Monteiro
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

K.G.F (Kannada)
Rocky, a young man, seeks power and wealth in order to fulfil a promise to his dying mother. His quest takes him to Mumbai, where he gets involved with the notorious gold mafia.
Cast: Yash, Srinidhi Shetty, Ramachandra Raju
- Watch on: Voot

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

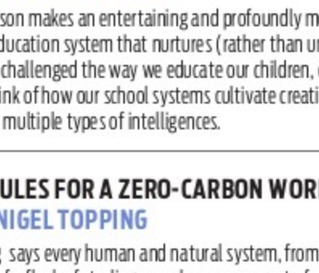
PSYCHO (Tamil)
When RJ Dahini is kidnapped by a psychopath, her lover, Gautham, fails to save her due to his blindness. Later, he sets out to rescue her in time with help.
- Cast: Aditi Rao Hydari, Udhayanidhi Stalin, Nithya Menen
- Watch on: Netflix

KAPPELA (Malayalam)
A young woman falls in love with a man after dialling his number by mistake. However, when she visits his city to meet him, a stranger named Roy enters her life.
- Cast: Anna Ben Nayaramba, Roshan Mathew, Sreenath Bhasi
- Watch on: Netflix

SHUBH MANGAL SAAVDHAN (Hindi)
A shy boy, Mudit, manages to woo Sugandha and the two decide to get married. However, before the wedding, their relationship undergoes a setback as they discover his erectile dysfunction.
- Cast: Ayushman Khurrana, Bhumi Pednekar, Anshul Chauhan

FOREIGN

LA LA LAND (ENGLISH)
Sebastian and Mia are drawn together by their common desire to do what they love. But as success mounts, they are faced with decisions that begin to fray the fragile fabric of their love affair and the dreams they worked so hard to maintain in each other threaten to rip them apart.
- Cast: Emma Stone, Ryan Gosling and John Legend
- Streaming: Netflix



THE PLATFORM (SPANISH)
In the future, prisoners housed in vertical cells watch as inmates in the upper cells are fed while those below starve.
- Cast: Alexandra Masangkay, Ivan Massague and Zorion Egulleor
- Streaming: Netflix

THE MITCHELLS VS. THE MACHINES (ENGLISH)
Young Katie and family get interrupted when the world's electronic devices come to life. With the help of two friendly robots, they save each other.
- Cast: Abbi Jacobson, Michael Rianda and Danny Mc-Bride
- Streaming: Netflix

THE INTOUCHABLES (FRENCH)
A Parisian aristocrat, quadriplegic since a paragliding accident, hires a young man to be his live-in caretaker. The two men become friends.
- Cast: Omar Sy, Francois Cluzet and Audrey Fleurot
- Streaming: YouTube

SUBSCRIPTION
Netflix: ₹199 per month
Disney+Hotstar: ₹399 per month
Prime Video: ₹129 per month
Voot: ₹299 per year

Brachial plexus injuries, usually seen at birth, can either be temporary or chronic in nature

Unnerving movements

DR BHARATH KADADI

IS my baby moving fine? This is a question every caregivers ask about their baby's movements. Since the initial few days are important for the baby's growth and movements, caregivers should monitor the hand and leg functions closely. In some cases, it is noticed that the baby is unable to move one side of the arm, wrist and fingers. This condition is commonly known as Brachial Plexus Injury. This injury is usually seen at birth, occurring in about 1 to 3 births out of 1,000.

Brachial plexus is a group of nerves derived from the nervous roots in the cervical and the upper trunk, which are sections of the spinal cord. They stretch through the shoulders and down the arms of the nerves rooted in the neck. These nerves control the movements of your wrist, hands and arms. Babies are generally vulnerable to the brachial plexus nerves on their shoulder at birth.

Predominant causes

- Large gestational size
- Breech birth
- Prolonged or difficult labour
- Vacuum- or forceps-assisted delivery
- Twin or multiple pregnancy
- Maternal diabetes
- History of a prior delivery resulting in brachial plexus birth injury

Symptoms

1 Severe pain in shoulders or arms
2 Arm may appear to be limp or paralysed
3 Decreased movement or sensation in the upper extremity

Babies are rarely in pain, owing to the fact that their nerves operate differently from adults. Only about 4% of babies appear to be in acute discomfort.

Incontrast, an adult may sustain a traumatic brachial plexus damage as a result of an accident or sports collision.

Treatment

Brachial plexus injuries do not usually necessitate treatment. Some people, particularly babies born with a brachial plexus birth damage or adults with neuropraxia, recover without therapy. However, in other cases, the injury can take weeks or months to heal.

When to undergo surgery

If your kid's health has not improved after three months of occupational therapy, it is imperative to contact a paediatric neurologist at first. In cases where extra procedures or surgery may be necessary, a hand surgeon trained by in brachial plexus surgery is to be contacted to assess the situation. If the injury has occurred during birth, the best time for surgery is when the child is between 4 to 9 months.

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That 'stress' leak

Women often shy away from discussing incontinence issues. If you're struggling with it, here's how you can tackle it

DR RUBINA SHANAWAZ Z

IF there is one topic on women's health that is grossly ill understood by 90% of the population, it is Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI). Is it because it is not life threatening? SUI is a type of urinary leak that is triggered by stress. The 'stress' that is referred is any chronic exertion or pressure on the pelvic floor. The pelvic floor is the main muscle holding up the uterus, urinary bladder and rectum in females.

Causes

- Chronic conditions like severe cough, constipation and obesity
- Weakness and injury to the pelvic floor due to traumatic childbirth, age-related weakness or genetic laxity of the pelvic floor muscles

Recognising it

If you find an uncontrolled spurt of urine
- During physical workouts or while doing aerobics
- While having sex
- When coughing or lifting something off the floor
- In severe cases, by just changing your posture

Preventive measures

- Exercise regularly and maintain a healthy diet to keep your weight in check
- Treat the underlying conditions (like incessant cough and constipation) that cause the pressure on the pelvic floor
- Regularly do pelvic floor (Kegel's) exercises

What are Kegel's exercises

- Imagine you need to stop peeing mid-stream. The muscles you use then are the muscles you need to contract for pelvic floor exercises
- Contract the muscle and slowly start counting. Initially, hold for 5 counts and gradually, over the weeks, increase to 10 counts
- Relax for 3- 5 seconds
- Do 10-20 such repetitions, twice a day
- You will have to practice for 3 months at least, to determine if it's helping you or not

Kegel exercises can be done anywhere and anytime. All you need to know is how to isolate the pelvic floor. Identify two times of the day when your routine is fixed and incorporate these exercises into those times. For example, while reading a book before bed, or cutting vegetables for lunch or watching TV in the evening, or even while travelling in a car.

Identify the pelvic floor muscle, in the first sitting, through a vaginal examination. Or, consult a physiotherapist who uses biofeedback therapy.

Precautions

1 Exercise on an empty bladder
2 Don't hold your breath while exercising
3 Don't overdo the repetitions or recommended frequency

Recommended surgeries:

1 Sling surgeries such as TVT (Tension free transvaginal tape), TOT (Tension Free Transobturator Tape), Autologous rectus fascia/fascia lata sling
2 Burch colposuspension

Both of them aim to correct the weakness in the pelvic floor muscle by narrowing the suburethral angle with mesh or sutures.

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Handling with care

As the pandemic has instilled fear amongst many would-be-moms, find out how to be extra careful while handling newborn babies

DR PARIMALA V THIRUMALESH

GIVING birth to a child is a wonderful experience. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic has instilled fear amongst many pregnant women thereby causing panic, anxiety and depression. Reductions in hospital births, admission of pregnant and neonatal cases and the fear of visiting hospitals has compromised newborn care during the pandemic. Pregnant women are not in the high risk of getting SARS-CoV-2 but it is vital to take extra care and precaution to ensure a smooth delivery.

It is uncommon for newborns to get Covid-19 even if the mother is tested positive during the pregnancy. However, some newborns can get infected with Covid-19 shortly after birth which can be avoided by following Covid appropriate behaviour. Also, Covid-19 during pregnancy, has also been associated with an increased likelihood of preterm birth. Newborns are more susceptible to infections

Newborns are susceptible to respiratory viral infections as their immune system is still developing. Infants under the age of one year may be at greater risk of becoming seriously ill with Covid-19 than older children. While the newborn who had tested positive for Covid-19 showed mild symptoms and recovered in a short time, some can have severe Covid-19 illness.

Precautions while handling a newborn:

- Mothers should be aware that the newborns are prone to many infections. Extra care is needed during this Covid time for maximum protection
- Wash your hands frequently with soaps or sanitizers
- Stay at home and don't go out unless it is an emergency. In case of doctor's appointment, consult online whenever possible
- If you have people who go out regularly at home, then maintain a distance or wear a mask. Don't let them near the baby before they are sanitized properly
- Practice respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with a bent elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

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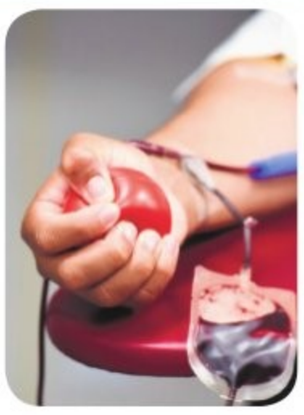

Blood clotting may be behind Long Covid syndrome: Study

Patients with Long Covid syndrome continue to have higher measures of blood clotting, which may help explain their persistent symptoms, such as reduced physical fitness and fatigue, finds a research. While the dangerous clotting has been observed in patients with severe acute Covid-19, far less is known about Long Covid syndrome, where symptoms can last weeks to months after the initial infection has resolved and is estimated to affect millions worldwide. Researchers from RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences in Ireland, examined 50 patients with symptoms of Long Covid syndrome. They discovered that clotting markers were significantly elevated in the blood of patients with Long Covid syndromes. *-IANS*

Researchers investigate immune response to SARS-CoV-2 variants

A team of researchers has assessed the effectiveness of the T-cell immune response to 11 variants of SARS-CoV-2 and used their results to develop the T-cell Covid-19 Atlas portal (T-CoV). The findings, published in the journal Nucleic Acids Research, indicates that the continuing emergence of new SARS-CoV-2 mutations allows the virus to spread more effectively and evade the antibodies. However, it is unclear whether new strains are capable of evading T-cell immunity, one of the body's main lines of defence against Covid-19, said the researchers, including Stepan Nersisyan, Faculty of Biology and Biotechnology at HSE University in Moscow, Russia. *-IANS*

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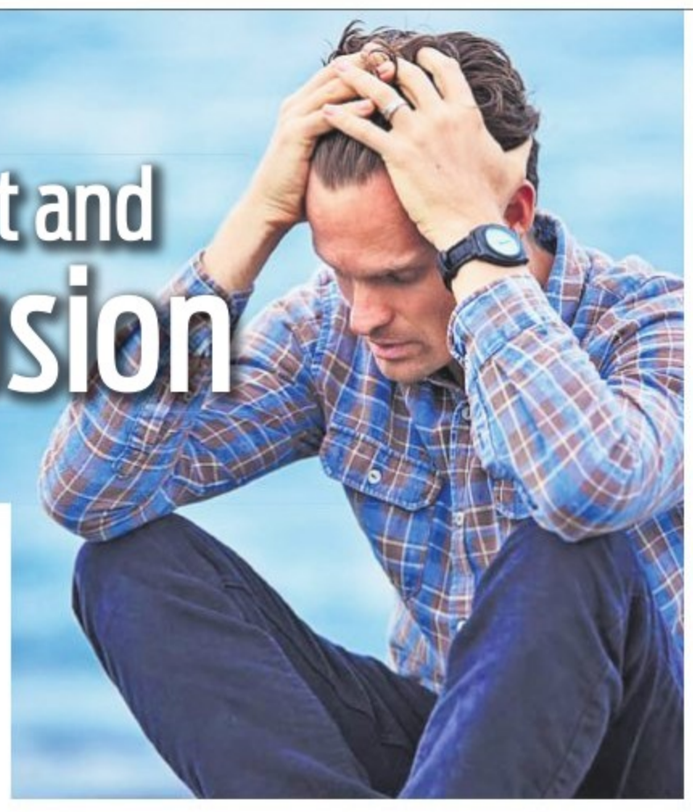
Of conflict and confusion



THE conflict between thesis and antithesis is inevitable and necessary; it brings about synthesis, from which again there is a thesis with its corresponding antithesis, and so on. There is no end to conflict, and it is only through conflict that there can ever be any growth, any advance."

Does conflict bring about a comprehension of our problems? Does it lead to growth, advancement? It may bring about secondary improvements, but is not conflict in its very nature a factor of disintegration? Why do you insist that conflict is essential? "We all know there is conflict at every level of our existence, so why deny or be blind to it?"

One is not blind to the constant strife within and without; but if I may ask, why do you insist that it is essential? "Conflict cannot be denied, it is part of the human structure, and we use it as a means to an end, the end being the right environment for the individual. We work towards that goal and use every means to bring it about. Ambition, conflict, is the way of man, and it can be used either against him or for him. Through conflict we move to greater things."

What do you mean by conflict? Conflict between what? "Between what has been and what will be."

The 'what will be' is the further response of what has been and is. By conflict we mean the struggle between two opposing ideas. But is opposition in any form conducive to understanding? When is there understanding of any problem? "There is class conflict, national conflict, and ideological conflict. Conflict is opposition, resistance due to ignorance of certain fundamental historical facts. Through opposition there is growth, there is progress, and this whole process is life."

We know there is conflict at all the different levels of life, and it would be foolish to deny it. But is this conflict essential? We have so far assumed that it is, or have justified it with cunning reason. In nature, the significance of conflict may be quite different; among the animals, conflict as we know it may not exist at all. But to us, conflict has become a factor of enormous importance. Why has it become so significant in our lives? Competition, ambition, the effort to be or not to be, the will to achieve, and soon - all this is part of conflict. Why do we accept conflict as being essential to existence? This does not imply, on the other hand, that we should accept indolence. But why do we tolerate conflict within and without? Is conflict essential to understanding, to there solution of a problem? Should we not investigate rather than assert or deny? Should we not attempt to find the truth of the matter rather than hold to our conclusions and opinions?

- Jiddu Krishnamurti

FITNESS TRACK

Regular exercise may lower death risk from natural causes

The study, published in Canadian Medical Association Journal, indicates that a higher level of regular exercise compared with inactivity was beneficial, even in polluted areas, although less exposure to pollution was better.

"Habitual exercise reduces the risk of death regardless of exposure to air pollution, and air pollution generally increases the risk of death regardless of habitual exercise," said researcher Xiang Qian Lao from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. *-IANS*

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DRONE PRATHAM IN THE MAKING

Bigg Boss Season 4 contestant Pratham to star in and direct a film that traces the life of the infamous 'Drone Boy' Prathap

A SHARADHAA

REPORTS of *Bigg Boss Kannada* season 4 contestant Pratham starring in the movie that traces the life of infamous 'Drone Boy' Prathap now officially stands confirmed. Titled as *Drone Pratham*, the actor is also taking the responsibility of helming the project.

An official announcement update along with the muhurath date will be revealed soon, says Pratham. The movie will trace the overnight hype surrounding Drone Prathap, who became a media sensation across India with controversial claims about his various drone projects, which later turned out to be false. "I dedicated four months to study about Drone Prathap, and have watched a number of speeches made by him. I used these materials to study his behaviour and mannerisms. I now believe that I have got a hang of it, and I'm ready to bring to the screens the infamous chain of events through *Drone Pratham*," says the actor, who has brought on board Tabla Nani to play a pivotal role.

"The film, which will trace the life of Prathap, will be heavily humour intensive. *Drone Pratham* will be more of a comical satire, and I'm going to draw inspiration from films like *Subba Shastry* (1966), and comedy films like *Gowri Ganesha, Undoo Hoda Kondoo Hoda* to bring to life the vision in my head," explains Pratham.

Drone Pratham is set to have two heroines, and the actor-director reveals that he is in the process of finalising a Mumbai-based heroine, and will also have a porn star featuring in the film.

Incidentally, it was Dhruva Sarja, who inspired Pratham to take up this project. "He mentioned that my strength as an actor and director is way different from a regular mass hero. Adding that dialogue delivery and humour is my forte, he said that I must make proper use of them. It is on his advice that I've decided to widen my horizons," says Pratham.

After winning the reality show, Pratham made his silver screen debut with *MLA* and followed it up with *Devarantha Manushya*. His directorial debut, *Nata Bhayankara*, is getting ready for release. Pratham is also busy completing his sophomore directorial, *Karnatakada Aliya*, which is in the last phase of the shooting process. In between all this, Pratham is also gearing up to get ready for *Drone Pratham*.

Known for his grand muhurath functions, it is a given that Pratham has something huge planned for *Drone Pratham* too. "I had Former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, Former Karnataka Chief Minsiter Siddaramaiah, and National leader LK Advani sounding the clapboard for my previous films. And even this time, I have confirmed an equally well-known person for this film. The name will be announced soon," signs off Pratham.

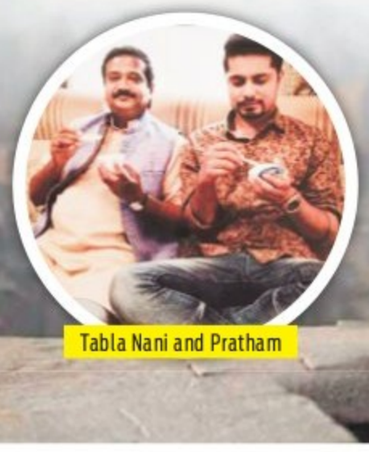

Tabla Nani and Pratham

Pratham

Archana

ARCHANA JOINS RISHAB SHETTY'S *KANTARA*

The actor popular in Kannada for her role in Dr Rajkumar starrer *Ondu Muttina Kathe* is returning to Sandalwood after a hiatus

CE FEATURES

Actor Rishab Shetty is gearing up to begin shooting for his upcoming directorial '*Kantara - Ondu Danthakathe*, which also stars him in the lead. Backed by Hombale Films, the muhurath of the film, which touches upon man and nature conflicts, will be on August 27.

Rishab Shetty

Even as the makers are in the process of finalising the rest of the cast, we now learn that the makers are bringing back the National Award-winning actor *Archana* to Sandalwood after a gap of 25 years. She was last seen in the 1996 film, *Huliya*.

Archana, who is known for her works in Telugu, Tamil, and Malayalam is equally popular in Kannada. The actor, who has worked in films like *Premigala Saval*, *Belli Naga*, *Guri*, is still known for her role in the Dr Rajkumar film, *Ondu Muttina Kathe*.

A confirmation of this update is expected to be announced by the makers soon.

Produced by Vijay Kiragandur, *Kantara* also stars Achyuth Kumar and Kishore in prominent roles. With music by Ajaneesh Loknath and cinematography by Arvind Kashyap, *Kantara* also marks Rishab's return to direction duties after four years.

Mumbai Diaries 26/11 to release on Amazon Prime Video on Sept 9

CE FEATURES

Amazon Prime Video's new original series *Mumbai Diaries 26/11* will premiere on September 9. Created by Nikkhil Advani, the medical drama depicts the story of doctors, nurses, paramedics, and hospital staff who saved lives during the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks.

The show features Konkona Sen Sharma, Mohit Raina, Tina Desai, Shreya Dhanwanthary, Satyajeet Dubey, Natasha Bharadwaj, Mrunmayee Deshpande and Prakash Belawadi. It is co-directed by Nikkhil Advani and Nikhil Gonsalves.

A note from the makers reads, "*Mumbai Diaries 26/11* is a fictional edge-of-the-seat medical drama set against the backdrop of the unforgettable night that also united the city. The series is an account of events that unfold in the Emergency Room of a government hospital, while exploring the challenges faced by the medical staff at the hospital as well as other first responders across the city of Mumbai in dealing with a crisis of immense magnitude."

Pratik Gandhi is a common man in *Dedh Bigha Zameen*

CE FEATURES

Scam 1992's Pratik Gandhi will star in the upcoming Hindi film *Dedh Bigha Zameen*.

Set in a small town in Uttar Pradesh, the film is a family drama about a common man's struggle. It is written and directed by Pulkit. Pratik stars alongside Khushali Kumar in the film. D*edh Bigha Zameen* went on floors in Jhansi today. The film is produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Shaailesh R Singh and Hansal Mehta.

DOES CINEMA NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PANDEMIC?

RAM VENKAT SRIKAR

When Ram Gopal Varma's Coronavirus became one of the first few films to open in theatres after the resumption of film screenings in December last year, many asked why films, instead of serving as an escape avenue, were reiterating the horror of the pandemic. Now, seven months and a second wave later, the pandemic continues to be far away from its finish line. What has changed in the interim though, is how we have grown to live with it. We don't refer to it as "the new normal" anymore; face masks, shields, and sanitisers have become part of our everyday routine. How have writers changed their process though, to accommodate this new life?

PS Mithran, whose *Irumbuthirai* (2018) and *Hero* (2019) focussed on social issues, believes that the disaster "has bifurcated our times into pre-and post-pandemic eras. You can't brush it under the carpet. Considering it has impacted every individual, directly and indirectly, our stories will see a change too."

The filmmaker cites the 2004 Tsunami as a reference point. "Post the Tsunami in 2004, films like *Dasavatharam* and *Kayal* incorporated it into their storylines. The pandemic will seep into our stories. The lockdown, the politics involved, and the lifestyle and cultural changes the pandemic has instigated, are bound to serve as fertilisers for stories waiting to be told."

A writer himself, he believes the pandemic to be a treasure trove for stories, albeit with certain logical and practical obstacles. "And yet, I remain unsure about the imagery these incidents will create. The idea of a couple sitting on a beach wearing masks isn't exactly appealing. The film I am currently working on, *Sardar*, was written before the outbreak, and naturally, it doesn't allow me to acknowledge the pandemic. I'll have to treat this as a story taking place in a pre-pandemic timeline to circumvent logical issues."

Rathna Kumar, whose directorial credits include *Meyadha Maan* and *Aadai*, on the other hand, isn't exactly thrilled about making the pandemic the centre of his stories. "I'm cautious about eschewing stories set around the pandemic, although we may soon get to see films based on real-life incidents. For instance, the hardships of migrant workers can take the form of a movie. We have all heard many heart-wrenching stories, like that of an ambulance that drove with a dead body for days before delivering it to the family of the deceased. Such individual incidents might inspire films, but I wonder whether filmmakers would be interested in telling stories that take place in that timeframe in general or use lockdown and travel restrictions as only conflicts in their films."

He adds that the pandemic can be a tough nut to crack considering that it is an ever-evolving threat. "The uncertainty over a film's release runs the risk of making films dated. We are coming across new variants and scientific terminologies every day. Moreover, Covid doesn't have a form that can be portrayed. Natural calamities like floods or earthquakes have a definite form, whereas, in the case of Covid, the threat exists as a set of norms. From a creative perspective, it's easier to write fictional dystopian films as they offer the liberty to create a universe with your set of rules. Considering all these challenges, I'm choosing to avoid this in my films."

Milind, the director of *Aval* and the recently released Netrikann, points out that Malayalam films like Joji and Cold Case have already ingrained the pandemic in their narrative. "Although the stories that have been written before the pandemic are likely to remain untouched, the films that will be scripted henceforward cannot dodge reality. The pandemic is a marker of sorts for our timeline. There will be films based on Covid; it's inevitable."

Has the pandemic changed the way films are written? Filmmakers weigh in on how stories have changed, and whether they prefer to write the pandemic into their work...

Actor-filmmaker Rakshit Shetty, whose Kannada film, *777 Charlie*, was partially shot during the pandemic, believes that it's all about the timeline the story is set in. "If the timeline permits, it's definitely possible to incorporate Covid. I, for one, am not particularly thrilled about bringing in the pandemic into my stories. However, if a niche subject demands it, why not?"

Ratheesh Ravi, the writer of Ishq, has a rather pragmatic perspective to offer to this conversation. "In the post-pandemic scenario, anyone pitching a script gets asked if their story takes place before or after Covid. The specificity of the period has become a talking point. We made a film during the pandemic, but the story doesn't take place during it. There is no compulsion to acknowledge whether a story is set in before the pandemic. It makes us have to be cautious about every little detail because people notice everything these days," says Ratheesh.

There are more on-ground considerations too. "It's a challenge to shoot films because we have to take into consideration the presence of masked people in the background when we are using, for instance, a wide shot."

Halitha Shameem, the director of rooted and realistic Tamil dramas like *Sillu Karupatti* and *Aelay*, is hearing people talk about how the world shown in films doesn't exist anymore. "We may end up forgetting events like festive gatherings if this pandemic goes on. Perhaps this will look like a scene from a period film considering that we are in a different era now. Our lives have changed and naturally, our stories will too."

Responding to whether she is keen on accommodating the pandemic into her stories, she shares that she has not been in a mood to write in the first place. "I have not been in the right mind space. However, an OTT platform has given me the opportunity to tell a story set in the pandemic, and so, I am working on it now. This has come as a relief; writing is such a healing process."

Relevance matters above all, according to Halitha. "At this point, I don't know whether it'd be possible to make 'normal' films, and I'm not letting this uncertainty affect me because staying relevant is more important than everything."

Telugu filmmaker Tharun Bhascker, whose films *Pelli Choopulu* and *Ee Nagaraniki Emaindi* drew heavily from the beauty of everyday life, is firm about not depicting the darker side of the crisis. "That is because I'm sure we will see lots of films that deal with it. I see cinema as a medium of escape, and the whole point of watching cinema is to escape reality. I don't want my films to be a reminder of the agony we have been going through," says Tharun. "Cinema, at the end of the day, is all about universal emotions, and regardless of the setting, what matters is how people react to a certain situation." He's quite optimistic about the future of what he calls 'escapist' cinema. "A semblance of normalcy seems to be returning in several parts of the world. People are getting vaccinated, and masks are disappearing."

Mithran's slant, however, is grim but realistic. He summarises: "Our idea of the future is built on hope. We don't know how many years the pandemic is likely to last; we are unsure whether the vaccines will be able to control the spread, nor do we know how many waves await us. All we have is the hope that it all ends this year; it may or may not. On the contrary, it is also possible that we put it behind us, calling it a 'two-year glitch', and go back to making films about farmers' issues. If we continue to see the pandemic as a disaster, we won't get many films on it. However, if we accept that it's a change in lifestyle, we will see films acknowledging and portraying it. For that to begin, the dust has to settle down first. And really, who of us can claim to know when that will happen?"